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THE MAYOR'S COLUMN

In presenting a mid-year review of the 'State of the City', I couldn't be more excited by the progress we've made toward our community goals and shared vision for the City of West Des Moines in the first half of 2014.

I can proudly say that much has been accomplished as we strive to be a 'Preferred Location for Business.' It was an honor to have Governor Branstad and other officials join members of the city council, city staff and me on April 18 as we announced Microsoft's expansion in southern Polk County within West Des Moines city limits. It marks Microsoft's second investment in our city with a total investment of \$2 billion. The project will offer a variety of benefits to our community including jobs, substantial infrastructure improvements, taxable valuation, and the mark of a nationally recognized and preferred destination for global technology development and innovation.

And, we've already accepted 221 building permits with an estimated added value of \$33.4 million year-to-date. This growth has brought new citizens, more amenities and high-quality jobs to West Des Moines. Our city continues to be an employment center as businesses large and small provide almost 60,000 jobs. We're proud of this growing number and committed to fostering a climate where businesses can be successful, expand, and create jobs.

In conjunction with becoming a 'preferred location for business', the council and I have worked to be a 'Leader in Providing Infrastructure for Economic Development and Quality of Life' with long-term planning and strategic financial management strategies. In 2014, a 15-year project on the city's northwest side came to fruition and was named the "Grand Prairie Parkway." The regional project with Waukee, Dallas County and other entities includes the construction of an interchange on Interstate 80 that will open almost

650 acres for immediate development and set the stage for development into the southwest portion of West Des Moines and into Madison County. Construction on the interchange will begin late this year with an expected completion next fall.

Another milestone this year includes the appointment of Tom Hadden as our city manager. Tom is originally from the Des Moines area and brings over 20 years of local and regional leadership experience. As a premier organization, we are constantly working to foster an 'innovative, creative, service-centered organization.' We're very confident Tom will provide excellent leadership and based on his past experience, promote innovation in our city that continue the tradition of ensuring efficiency within the premium services we deliver to our community.

The extraordinary quality of life that West Des Moines offers is always at the forefront of our decision making and community goals as we strive to provide 'abundant opportunities to enjoy life.' In 2014, there will be no shortage of opportunities to live, work, and play in our city with the archery facility and 2014 Art on the Campus opening late May, farmers market in Valley Junction, aquatic centers in full swing, and light remodel of the library. I am proud of the numerous amenities our city has to offer and encourage all to get out and enjoy them!

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve this community and I look forward to continued shared success in 2014.

Best,

Mayor Steven K. Gaer

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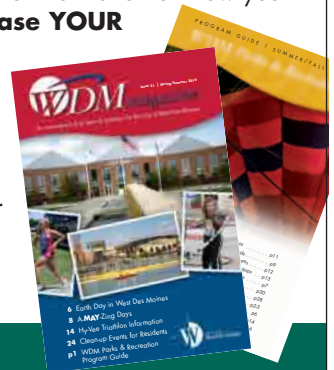
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Eye On West Des Moines Winners Announced!

Thank you for entering this year's Eye on West Des Moines Photo Contest. The judging is completed and the winners have been determined.

We will be offering this contest again next year, so keep shooting those pictures and send us your entries as you collect them!

For complete details and rules, interested photographers can call **515-222-3441** or email **Mark.Brewick@wdm.iowa.gov**.

BEST OF SHOW WINNER

Sharon powell

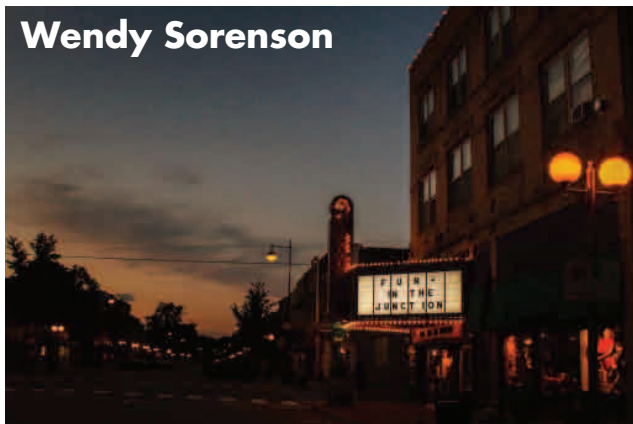


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Fun in the Junction

Seasons in WDM

Christina Carroll



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Wendy Sorenson

Flags at Resthaven Cemetary

Living – Plants/Wildlife



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Raccoon River Eagle

Raising Families



Holly Houg

Hanging with Dad

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Bill
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Sheriff



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POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION UPCOMING EVENTS

Music in the Park August 30

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 @ Jester Park Amphitheater

Nature Friends-

Tyke Hike September 8

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
 @ Brown Woods

Nature Friends-

Nutty Squirrels September 23

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
 @ Legion Park, 4th and Vine St., WDM

If you have questions regarding the
 above events, please go to: [http://www.
 polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/calendar/](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/calendar/)
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2014 Polk County Senior Fest

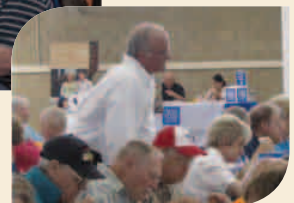


Supervisor
Angela Connolly
 helps a senior as
 she goes through
 the food line.

May was Older Americans Month and with that Polk County Senior Services celebrated by hosting the 30th Annual Senior Fest and Health Fair. The event proved to be a great success! More than 1,200 seniors enjoyed the day visiting over 70 vendors as well as having the opportunity to visit at least 40 health fair informational booths. The Fair offered new health informational activities including Tai Chi. Organizers of the health fair reported that over 300 seniors participated in 400 health and wellness activities to better their health. By visiting at least 5 health fair booths seniors were eligible to enter a drawing for a \$100 Hy-Vee gift card. The winner of the card was Alicia Giebelstein, a participant at multiple senior centers. This year a popular addition was the new photo booth along with old favorites such as line dancing and Bingo. Members of the Highland Park Garden Club were on site to teach seniors about how to plant and care for container gardens. WOW! This year the response to requests for volunteers was overwhelming! Many incredible and dedicated volunteers were on site to help with the serving of the chicken picnic lunch that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone in CFYS Senior Services that helped pull together this awesome event, especially the Senior Center staff that decorate their sections of tables in bright and fun themes that always bring smiles to our seniors faces. We look forward to seeing everyone again next May!



Left: Supervisor **Steve Van Oort** visits with Ankeny seniors.



Right: Supervisor **Tom Hockensmith** visits with constituents.

Hundreds come out to celebrate Jester Park Cabins and Discovery Pond

More than 400 people took advantage of a beautiful spring day on Sunday, June 8th, to celebrate two new attractions at Jester Park. Four modern rental cabins and a newly renovated 2.5 acre Discovery Pond made their official debut to many excited visitors. Conservation staff and volunteers offered cabin tours, guided nature hikes, canoe floats, fishing instruction, and delicious smores to people of all ages that attended. These new amenities were made possible through funding from Polk County Water and Land Legacy, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, IA DNR Fisheries, and REAP.



Raccoon River Park Archery Facility

The Raccoon River Park Archery Facility is a must see if you are looking for something fun and creative to do. The Archery Facility is located in Raccoon River Park at 2500 Grand Avenue in West Des Moines. This facility has 12 shooting lanes with targets that can be adjusted up to 40 yards in distance. The enclosed walls, fencing and shelter over the shooting area is the first of its kind in Iowa. Permits are mandatory and those can range from daily to annual permits. If you have any questions please call 515-222-3444.



Westside Community Center

Are you 60 or older? Do you enjoy lunch and activities with your peers? Stop by and check out the West Side Community Center.

Location:

134 6th Street, West Des Moines, IA 50265

Hours: 8:00-5:00 Mon.-Fri.

Phone: 274-0373

Lunch is served M-F at 11:30 am. Please call 24 hours in advance to reserve your meal. If you are looking for a place to host an event call-274-0373.

Crisis Observation Center

Polk County Health Services is scheduled to open the new Crisis Observation Center located at 1420 Mulberry on July 15th. The center will be a crucial piece in our efforts to help individuals struggling with homelessness gain access to the services they need. Many individuals facing homelessness also struggle with mental illness as well as substance abuse issues. When faced with a mental health crisis the initial response is to take them to jail or to a hospital. While these institutions may be able to help them with the short-term crisis, they are not equipped to



help them with their long-term struggles and can prove to be

extremely costly. The Crisis Observation Center will have professionally trained staff, including mental health professionals, medical professionals and the Mobile Crisis Team that can make an appropriate assessment of the individuals needs and provide more specific help. The center will be open 24/7 for individuals in mental crisis. The Crisis Observation Center is a great asset to Polk County and will provide a service to the community.

Underground Electric Cable Replacement

Currently there are areas in West Des Moines with underground electric cable which were installed 30-40 years ago. MidAmerican Energy has undertaken a cable replacement project in recent years to avoid outages and ensure that West Des Moines residents receive safe and reliable electrical service.

In mid-July, MidAmerican Energy notified residents that work was beginning on a project to replace several miles of the primary underground cable that provides electricity to their area. MidAmerican Energy contractors Communication Technologies and Par Electric are working together on the project, which is scheduled for completion in October.

Terry Ousley, Vice President, Customer Satisfaction for MidAmerican Energy, said, "During these projects, we will communicate regularly with customers so they understand what we're doing, and we will try to minimize the inconvenience for residents and the community as much as possible.

Properties which may be affected by this project have easements in front and/or back yards for the purpose of maintaining utilities. Crews will need access to these easements during the cable replacement work.

As part of the cable replacement process, there will be holes dug near equipment which will be left open for a period of time; however, the holes will be protected with flexible fencing. If the work results in alteration to a resident's landscaping, MidAmerican Energy repairs the landscape work and restores the property once the cable replacement project is completed.

Through the duration of the project, when necessary to temporarily interrupt electric service, MidAmerican Energy or its contractors plan to notify residents three to five days in advance of the interruption.

Mr. Ousley of MidAmerican Energy said, "We appreciate our customers' patience and understanding as we work to improve their electric service." He added that residents with questions or concerns about the project may contact MidAmerican Energy's Customer Service department at 888-427-5632.

A tip to more quickly get through the MidAmerican Energy automated phone system:

- a. Dial: 1-888-427-5632
- b. After the automated message that the call may be recorded, press
- c. 4
- d. You'll be asked for your 10 digit account number. Say "I don't have it". Then press
- e. 0
- f. 1

This year MidAmerican Energy plans to replace cable in an area generally bounded by Woodland Avenue, EP True Parkway, 39th Street, and 23rd Street.



WANT TO ADOPT A STREET?

Did you know we have an Adopt A Street program right here in West Des Moines? There has long been a national Adopt A Highway program designed to keep the nation's roadways free from litter and now, the idea of adopting municipal streets is gaining in popularity. It helps keep public areas clean and attractive, protects our waterways and builds civic pride.

Metro Waste Authority partners with West Des Moines for the Adopt A Street program to provide resources and recognition to community members for removing litter along designated roadways. For more details about the program, a list of streets to adopt and the adoption application form, visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com/adoptastreet.

Once the application is approved by the City, the Adopt A Street team can set its cleanup date, pick up the provided safety vests and clean up tools and go to work! Adopt A Street signage will be installed along the adopted street to recognize the team.

"With the rapid growth of the city, our staff is extremely busy performing normal duties. Anytime groups come forward and can help provide assistance – we can point them in the

right direction for volunteering in a safe and organized manner — it's extremely helpful," commented West Des Moines Public Works Director Bret Hodne.



Help Keep
YOUR
Streets
CLEAN

Windy Day Collection Tips for **Recycling** and **Trash**

Recycling and trash collection can be very challenging on windy days. We can't control Mother Nature, but here are some tips that may help prevent your trash and recycling from blowing away.

Recycling

1. Try to keep lighter materials toward the bottom of your Curb It! cart and heavier items on top to prevent the items from blowing out of the cart (please do NOT bag your recycling items in plastic bags).
2. If your recycling cart is only half-full, consider waiting until your next collection to place it at the curb.

Trash

1. Bag all your trash before placing it in the bin. This is especially important for small, lightweight items like Styrofoam packing peanuts.
2. Compact the trash. If you have loose items, place bagged trash on top of them to prevent them from blowing out of the cart.



Recycling AND Trash

1. Take your cart to the curb the morning of pick-up, rather than the evening before. This reduces the amount of time your cart is exposed to high wind conditions. Make sure your cart is out by 6 a.m.
2. Be sure your lid can close. Trash and recycling items are more susceptible to blowing out of the cart when the lid is not completely shut.
3. Bring your cart in as soon as possible to reduce the risk of your cart blowing in the street.



The Evolution of Yard Waste Disposal

If you're a homeowner, then you know it's hard to avoid generating yard waste. It's created when you mow the lawn, trim bushes, tend to your garden or rake leaves. By weight, grass clippings are the biggest component of yard waste, averaging half of all yard waste.

That's a Lot of Yard Waste!

Yard waste equates to 34 million tons, 216.3 lbs. per person, and 13.5 percent of total municipal solid waste per year. The amount of yard and garden waste sent to landfills has declined dramatically due to legislation and composting/recycling efforts. Currently, 23 percent of all

material recovered each year in the United States is yard waste.

In 1991, yard waste was banned from Iowa landfills by the State Legislature. Currently, 24 states ban yard trimmings from landfills and nearly 100 cities now have curbside composting programs. West Des Moines offers Metro Waste Authority's Compost It! program to collect yard waste from the curb and turn it into compost, a safe and natural soil additive. The Compost It! yard waste collection season runs from April through November.

Reasons to **Recycle** Rather Than **Burn**

- Burning is **not legal within the City limits**
- Smoke from burning leaves leads to air pollution, health problems and fire hazard



Metro Waste Authority

We Know Where It Should Go

- Leaves burn slowly and generate large amounts of airborne particulates – fine bits of dust, soot and other solid materials. These particulates can reach deep into lung tissues and can remain for months or even years.
- Leaf smoke contains carbon dioxide and chemicals known to cause cancer. Breathing it can cause coughing, wheezing and lead to long-term respiratory problems. Children, the elderly and asthmatics are most vulnerable.



Source: EPA, Municipal Solid Waste Generation, Recycling, and Disposal in the United States: Facts and Figures for 2012

Help Protect Our Storm Sewer System!



Putting leaves, grass, or other debris in the street will clog the storm sewer, increasing the likelihood of flooding. That's why it's against City Code, for your protection!

PLEASE:

- Bag or mulch your yard waste, and help keep our storm sewers clean and unobstructed.
- Limit lawn chemicals, pick up pet waste, and help keep our water sources clean!

Thank you!



Garage Fire Safety

During the summer months, you probably had a chance to work on home improvement projects... painting, lawn care, remodeling, vehicle repairs, etc. Did you think about good housekeeping practices in the garage?

According to the National Fire Protection Association, nearly 6,600 garage fires happen in homes resulting in 30 deaths, 400 injuries and \$457 million of property loss each year. 93 percent of these occurred in one and two family homes. Garage fires tend to spread farther and cause more injuries and dollar loss than fires that start in all other areas of the home.

The leading causes of garage fires are electrical malfunction, unintentional careless action and open flame. What makes the problem worse are the stored combustibles: automobiles, boats, lawn equipment, cans of flammable liquids (gasoline, paints, oils) and combustible products such as boxes and paper products stored on shelving or in crawl spaces. If a fire occurs in the garage, the detection

time may be delayed, allowing the fire to grow before it is discovered. You can keep your home safe by following a few easy tips:

- Store oil, gasoline, paints and varnishes in a shed away from your home.
- Do not use your grill or fryer in the garage.
- Keep items that can burn on shelves away from appliances.
- Plug only one charging appliance into an outlet.
- Do not use an extension cord when charging an appliance.

You can also use the following construction items to help reduce the spread of garage fires:

- A 20 minute fire-rated door that is self-closing and self-latching from the garage into the house.
- A ceiling made with 5/8-inch Type X gypsum board if you have living space above the garage.
- A wall with 1/2-inch gypsum board if the wall attaches the garage to your home.
- An attic hatch cover if you have attic access from the garage.
- A heat detector — not a smoke alarm — in your garage. The heat detector will sound if the temperature rises too high.

Fire safety should be practiced 365 days a year. Take time to cover these tips and other fire safety items with your family. Practice fire drills in the home and remember to check your smoke detectors and replace their batteries as needed.

**INCORRECT
STORAGE**



**CORRECT
STORAGE**



Scrap Appliance and Metal Drop-Off

September 13th, 8 AM to 12:00 Noon

This popular event is a great opportunity to recycle unwanted items! West Des Moines residents may bring their scrap appliances or metal to the gated area at the Public Works facility –
560 S. 16th Street,
West Des Moines.

These Items will **NOT** be accepted

- Appliances filled with food
- Tires
- Plastics or Garbage
- Large Propane Tanks
- Chemicals or Paint
- Wood Furniture
- Light Bulbs

Secure Paper Shredding

has now been added as a service to West Des Moines residents at this Saturday drop-off event. Residents are encouraged to bring their old documents where a shredding truck will destroy your paperwork under your watchful eye!

These items will be accepted – **FREE**

Rooftop AC Units
Computer Systems
Plastic Signs
Metal Shelving
Center Isle Cabinets
Pop Machines
Batteries
General Scrap Metal
Furnaces
Water Heaters
Dishwashers
Dryers
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Riding Lawnmowers
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Copiers
Printers
Push Mowers
Fax Machines
VCR's
DVD Players
Cell Phones
Grocery Carts
Dehumidifiers
Exercise Equip.
Video Game Systems
Refrigeration Units
Humidifiers
Water Softeners



**CRT/Tube Televisions
will be accepted
FOR A FEE.**

**LCD/Flat Screen
televisions are
accepted at no cost.**

Weekly Pick-up

Residents participating in City-provided solid waste collection may put a \$5 Large Item Sticker on 19" TV's and smaller, or (2) \$5 Large Item Stickers on TV's larger than 19" and put at the curb by 6AM on their normal collection day. Contact www.mwatoday.com for more information.

Midwest Recovery is partnering with the City of West Des Moines in this collection and will provide personnel to assist with unloading.

If you have any questions, please call Public Works Department at 222-3480, or Midwest Recovery at 515-265-3400.

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Prepare Your Lawn, Garden for Next Spring

As summer winds down, many stop thinking about their gardens and the lawns. Experienced gardeners and lawn care specialists know fall is the time to improve your soil with finished compost.

Residents may not realize they help create compost that is sold at local landscape companies. From April to November, extra trucks pick up yard waste bags and carts from West Des Moines residents. That material goes to Metro Waste Authority's commercial compost facility and six to nine months later, it becomes Turf Gold Compost.

Tips for Using Compost

Vegetable Gardens: As you remove spent crops from your garden, loosen the soil and mix in a 3-4 inch layer of compost. While temps are still warm, the nutrients and organic matter in the compost stimulates microbes and other beneficial organisms. Your end of the season soil becomes refreshed and renewed by spring.

Flower Gardens: Flower gardens also benefit by adding compost to wherever you've pulled out annuals and where you are planting bulbs. Add 2-3 inches around the base of perennials and shrubs (keeping it an inch or so from the stems).

Lawn Application: If your lawn wasn't as green as you'd hoped this year, apply a layer of compost this fall and reap the benefits next spring. If it's your first time, you may need to apply 1-2 inches on your yard. Area landscape companies do offer this service or you can have them deliver a pile to your home and do it yourself.

Added Benefit of Compost

When you use compost on your lawn, the benefits are bigger than a lush lawn:

- Compost adds nutrients that continue to improve your soil quality.
- Those nutrients also improve your soil's ability to absorb water, reducing water runoff and erosion.
- You also reduce your reliance on fertilizer, which contains nitrates. When it rains, those harmful chemicals run off into the storm sewers.
- Fertilizer is harmful to pets and children.
- Fertilizer is a temporary solution; it doesn't add nutrients to the soil like compost.

Learn where to buy Turf Gold Compost locally and more application tips at www.WhereItShouldGo.com/buycompost.



EMERALD ASH BORER

About Emerald Ash Borer

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive insect that has killed tens of millions of ash trees in North America since it was first discovered in 2002. The larvae of this insect eat the wood under the bark which prevents the flow of water and nutrients from the tree's roots to its leaves. Once infested, the tree will typically die within two to four years.

Infestations in Iowa

As of July 2014, EAB has not been identified in West Des Moines. It has been found in eastern and southern Iowa and, most recently, in the town of Newton in Jasper County. Based on these infestations, the entire state of Iowa was placed under quarantine in February of 2014. What does this mean? No hardwood firewood or unprocessed ash wood chips, logs or ash trees for planting are permitted to leave the quarantine area. **Moving any of these outside of Iowa is illegal.**

Ash Trees on Public Property

The City has prepared a preliminary Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan which identifies proactive steps to reduce risks and potential hazards associated with an EAB infestation of trees on City-owned public property. Over the next year, City personnel and private contractors hired by the City, will initiate the removal of public ash trees that are determined to be in poor health or pose a hazard to the community. Public trees are those found in the parking (area between the street and the

sidewalk), parks, municipal building grounds, and parking lots maintained by the City.

Tree replacements will be scheduled for selected parks, landscaped street medians and around several city buildings. The potential tragic loss of ash trees has highlighted the importance of diversity in our tree plantings. The City of West Des Moines will select species of trees and shrubs from the list compiled by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources which can be found at www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/Forestry/UrbanForestry/TreePlanting. For more information on EAB and ash trees on public property contact our Urban Forestry Supervisor, John Olds, at 515-222-3417.

Steps for Private Property Owners

- Identify any ash trees on your property.
- Look for possible signs of EAB – sprouts on the trunk, dead or dying tree canopy, excessive woodpecker activity, and/or the presence of EAB larvae or adult insects.
- If you suspect EAB, contact Iowa State University Extension Entomology at 515-294-1101.
- If EAB is confirmed, it will be the property owner's responsibility to remove dead and dying ash trees on private property. To find a qualified tree care professional, check out www.extension.iastate.edu/forestry/care_maintenance.
- Treatment options are available and may be an option for your ash tree. For information on the latest EAB treatments visit www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/Forestry/UrbanForestry/EAB.

Look for any future updates on EAB in West Des Moines on the City's website: www.wdm.iowa.gov/EAB

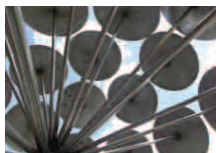
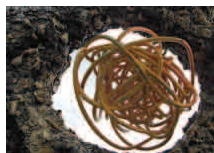
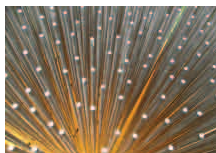
Late fall is an ideal time to perform maintenance on trees and shrubs. Homeowners are responsible for maintenance of trees and shrubs which encroach on public right-of-way, whether they are planted on private property or in the right-of-way. To prevent potentially hazardous situations, the minimum vertical clearance of trees and shrubs must be eight feet (8') between the surface of the sidewalk or pedestrian way and the lowest branch. The minimum vertical clearance of trees and shrubs shall be fourteen feet (14') between the surface of the street and the lowest branch. If you have questions regarding pruning or maintenance of trees and shrubs, please contact your local nursery or WDM Parks & Recreation at 222-3417.

TREE MAINTENANCE



Art ON THE Campus

The 2014 Art on the Campus exhibit is still open until November 15! Thirteen unique pieces of art by eight different artists are positioned around the West Des Moines City Campus pond for all to enjoy. Stop in to City Hall or the Library to pick up a brochure that will guide you around the exhibit. Children's activity brochures are available as well.



And we want your opinion!

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014ArtontheCampus> or scan this QR Code to vote for your favorite sculpture.



MEDICINE DISPOSAL PROGRAM



NOW you can safely dispose of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications in a secure Medication Return. The Medication Return is located in the lobby of the West Des Moines Police Department and allows 24-hour access.

West Des Moines Police Department
Law Enforcement Center
250 Mills Civic Parkway,
West Des Moines, IA

For additional information,
contact: 515-222-3320



Funding for this project was
made in part through:





Business Partnership Program

THE Business Partnership Program is designed to establish a formal network of communication between businesses, their employees, and the police department. The program provides an avenue to deliver current crime-related information and trends as they relate to a specific area or industry.

The Business Partnership Program provides a vehicle for officers and crime prevention specialists to educate and guide business owners and employees in the following areas: The goal of the Business Partnership Program is to increase awareness and education to the business community while establishing a conduit to share information between local businesses and the City of West Des Moines.

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- Officer Jeff Hartshorn at 515-222-3333 or email: jeff.hartshorn@wdm.iowa.gov
- Officer Billy Taylor at 515-222-3328 or email: william.taylor@wdm.iowa.gov

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- Business Watch
- Crime Reporting
- Operation Identification
- Robbery Prevention /Awareness
- Fraud / Counterfeiting Awareness
- Workplace Violence
- Personal Safety and Self-Protection
- Shoplifting or Internal Theft Prevention
- Burglary Prevention

Working together with businesses to reduce crime
and enhance safety in the City of West Des Moines.

School Crossing Safety

It is time to begin thinking about school crossing safety as West Des Moines students return to school in August. Currently, there are 38 school crossings that serve 15 schools within the City of West Des Moines.

Cooperation among parents, students,

motorists, schools, and public safety and engineering departments is crucial to the safety of children as they walk to and from school. It is important that each group is aware of their responsibility for maintaining safe routes to schools for children.



Parents

- Determine your child's safest route to school.
- Walk your children along this route several times prior to the start of fall classes and emphasize proper procedures for crossing the streets.
- When dropping off your children, unload on the school side of the street or where your child can cross the street at a designated crosswalk.



Motorists

- Familiarize yourself with all local school areas and locations used by school children.
- Obey all school crossing controls and be particularly alert near any school area.
- Watch your speed in school zones.
- Respond immediately to any pedestrian accident, regardless of severity, by providing first aid if necessary and calling emergency services.



Students

- Use established school routes.
- Participate in bike, pedestrian, and bus safety programs provided by your school.
- Practice safe and proper pedestrian behavior at all times.



Schools

- Instruct the children on pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, and bus safety.
- Develop a school route plan with transportation engineers.
- Periodically review routes with special attention given to conditions such as unsafe sidewalks, trees or bushes that obscure vision, and the need for speed limit enforcement.

If you have requests for school crossing controls you can download a School Crossing Control Request form at www.wdm.iowa.gov/pw-forms.



Engineering Public Safety

- Demonstrate and instruct students on the safe way to cross streets.
- Provide training and supervision of crossing guards.
- Respond to emergency situations.
- Investigate and make recommendations on requests received from the school administrators and the engineering division.
- Assist in the development of a school route plan.



- Investigate and make recommendations on requests for school traffic control measures.
- Respond to inquiries regarding school traffic controls and develop a maintenance program for all traffic controls.



Back to School Safe Driving Tips

- Extra attention is needed when driving in the area of school zones and crossings.
- When a school bus or children are present, slow down and proceed with caution obeying all traffic laws and speed limits.
- Always stop for a school bus that has stopped with their red flashing lights and an extended stop arm which tells you the bus is loading or unloading passengers.
- If you are on a two-lane roadway, you must stop.
- If you are on a roadway that has two or more travel lanes and you are travelling the same direction as the bus, you must stop.
- If you are on a roadway that has two or more travel lanes in each direction and you are approaching, meeting the bus, you do not have to stop, merely proceed with caution.
- Some school zones have crossing guards to assist the crossing of children at busy intersections. Please obey and follow the direction of the crossing guard and allow adequate time for the children to cross the roadway.





Are you thinking about the approaching winter season?



Take some of the **WORRY** out of **WINTER**...and enjoy the season!

Parking

If you normally park your vehicle on a City street, you have plenty of time **NOW** to put a plan in place for where you will park if there is a Snow Emergency Park Ban. The parking ban is necessary to allow our Public Works crews to efficiently and effectively remove the snow. Where will you park this winter when it snows?

Sidewalks - Mailbox - When will my street be plowed?

Details on winter issues will be included in the next edition of the West Des Moines Magazine.

Enjoy the beautiful fall **NOW** . . . and enjoy the beautiful winter **LATER**. . .by planning for any parking issues **NOW**!



Winter Road Salt



During the summer months most of us do not think much about winter. However, summer is the ideal time to replenish our salt supplies at the Regional Salt Storage Facility. Several years ago the City of West Des Moines took the lead in developing a 25,000 ton Regional Salt Storage Facility with cooperation from nine municipalities throughout the metro area. This facility was built on land owned by Metro Waste

Authority (MWA). The regional group developed an agreement with MWA to finance and construct the project. Furthermore, MWA allowed the agencies to utilize the land for free. This facility has saved the City of West Des Moines and the other participating municipalities significant taxpayer dollars since the construction of this facility. Taking delivery of salt during the summer months and purchasing in bulk has reduced the cost of salt by approximately \$10 per ton. This past winter some agencies in the eastern half of the country were paying nearly \$200 per ton for salt delivered during the winter months. This Regional Salt Storage Facility helps provide participating agencies the ability to avoid these types of high costs created during extraordinary winter weather.



National Public Works Week *Celebration*

Residents gathered in Valley Junction on May 22nd to celebrate everything that's Public Works, including exploring big equipment, fun, games, treats and meeting PAWS, the Public Works mascot! The fun helped tweak the interest of little ones, but many adults had questions and found information on the world of Public Works:



CITY STREETS

SNOW REMOVAL

SANITARY SEWER

CITY BUILDINGS

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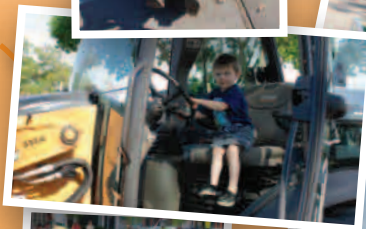
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CITY MAPS

STORM SEWER

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MAINTENANCE



Flashing Yellow Arrow Left-Turn Signal

The City of West Des Moines has installed a new traffic signal display at 30 intersections to provide a safer, more efficient left turn for motorists. The flashing yellow arrow display replaces the circular green ball indication for left turns at signalized intersections. The City has received funding from the Iowa Department of Transportation's Traffic Safety Improvement Program to install the flashing yellow arrow left turn signal heads at the remaining 70 intersections that use the green arrow and green ball combination for the protected-permitted left turn signals. The new display will also be implemented when new signals are installed.

How does it work?

The **steady green arrow** still means that the drivers making the left turn have the right-of-way to make the protected left turn and the oncoming traffic has a red light.

A **flashing yellow arrow** means left turns are permitted, but you must first yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians, and then proceed with caution.

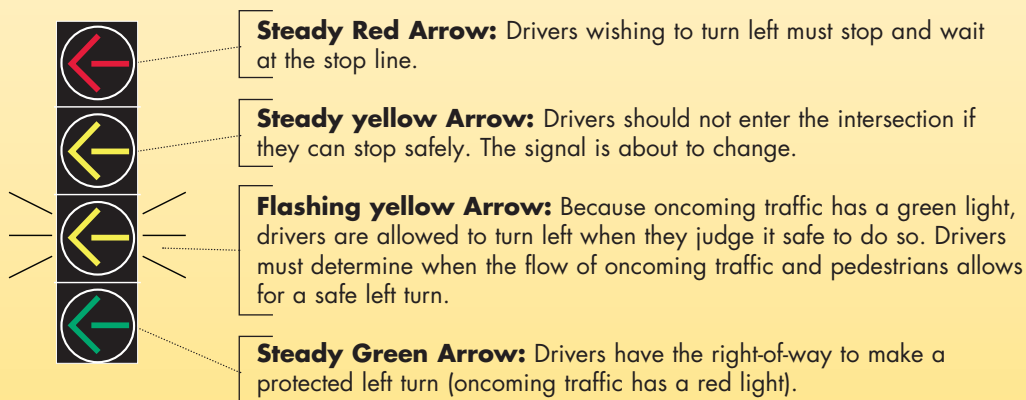
The **flashing yellow arrow** replaces the green ball indication for a yielding left turn, but it does not replace the steady yellow arrow.

Why the change?

This change is the result of a new national standard for permissive left-turn operation, as adopted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). National studies conducted for the FHWA demonstrated that drivers made fewer mistakes with the new signals than with the traditional circular green ball indication. Many drivers perceived the circular green ball to mean "go" and forgot to yield to oncoming traffic when turning.

Why is it a better left-turn signal?

- **It's safer.** According to preliminary evaluations, FHWA estimates that the new display results in a 30% reduction in left-turn collisions. This is the 2nd highest type of crashes in West Des Moines behind rear-end collisions.
- **It's more efficient.** The new display gives traffic engineers more options to handle variable traffic volumes during different times of the day.



DRIVING SAFELY IS LIVING SAFELY. *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Motto*

- **It's more consistent.** As the new signals are introduced throughout the United States, you'll see the same left-turn signals in every state.

Does it really reduce left-turn crashes?

Thirteen intersections in West Des Moines were examined where flashing yellow arrow left turn signals had been installed for at least one year.

- The average annual number of left turn crashes for the previous four years was determined to be:
20 crashes per year.

- The number of left turn crashes in the year since the flashing yellow left turn signals had been installed was determined to be:
10 crashes per year.

In West Des Moines we are experiencing a reduction in left turn crashes at intersections with the flashing yellow arrow left turn signal. The flashing yellow arrow left turn signal is providing a safer, more efficient, and more consistent left turn signal display to the motorists that drive the streets of West Des Moines.



Construction Update

A busy summer of City infrastructure projects will soon be coming to a close. Completion of construction projects is always dependent on weather, along with other issues; however, the most current information is available on the City website. Visit www.wdm.iowa.gov and type in "construction update" in the search box, or visit the "Your Government" tab, "Public Works", "Construction Projects".

Check out Public Works on the Web! www.wdm.iowa.gov



- Curious about the City's infrastructure?
- Questions on construction projects?
- What exactly is right-of-way?
- When is the next celebration in Valley Junction for National Public Works Week?
- How can I report a damaged traffic sign?
- How is a sewer pipe cleaned out?

WDM RESIDENT GUIDE

All City service requests can be directed to the Online Service Desk at

www.wdm.iowa.gov

EMERGENCY 911

Non-Emergency Dispatch 222-3321

ADA Coordinator 222-3603

TDD/TTY 1-800-413-4955

Aquatic Centers 273-0700

Ambulance Billing 273-0652

Animal Control 222-3364

250 Mills Civic Parkway

Animal Licenses SEE WestPet

Better Business Bureau 243-8137

Birth Certificates SEE Vital Records

Building Safety/Inspections 222-3630

developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov

Business License Info. 1-800-532-1216

Cable Television

Mediacom 1-800-332-0245

Billing, Cust. Service, Connect/ Disconnect,

2205 Ingersoll Ave. Des Moines • mchsi.com

Jordan Cemetery 222-3444

Sales and Maintenance

Chamber of Commerce 225-6009

www.wdmchamber.org

City Attorney SEE Legal Department

City Clerk 222-3603

Business related licenses / voter registration

application

City Council 222-3610

City Hall Offices 222-3600

4200 Mills Civic Pkwy

City Manager 222-3610

Claim for Damages 222-3601

Code Enforcement 222-3304

police@wdm.iowa.gov

Community Center 222-3440

Community & Econ. Development 273-0770

ced@wdm.iowa.gov

County Web Site Addresses

• Dallas County www.co.dallas.ia.us

• Polk County www.co.polk.ia.us

• Madison County www.madisoncoia.us

• Warren County www.co.warren.ia.us

Death Certificates SEE Vital Records

Development Services

Building Division 222-3630

Engineering & Planning Divisions 222-3620

developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov

Des Moines Area Regional Transit (DART)

Public Transportation 283-8100

dart@rideditdart.com

Des Moines Register

Subscriptions 1-847-424-0225

Driver's License

• Dallas County 993-6992

• Polk County 244-1052

• Madison County 462-1542

• Warren County 961-1144

Driveway Permits 222-3480

560 S. 16th St. • publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov

Economic Development 273-0770

ced@wdm.iowa.gov

Election Office

• Dallas County 993-6914

• Polk County 286-3247

• Madison County 462-3914

• Warren County 961-1020

Electrical Service See UTILITIES

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) 273-0768

EMS Billing 8055 Mills Civic Parkway

CPR and Public Access Defibrillation Classes

ems@wdm.iowa.gov

Farmers Market (VJ Foundation) 222-3642

Finance Department 222-3600

Fire Administration 222-3420

3421 Ashworth Road • fire@wdm.iowa.gov

Gas Service See UTILITIES

Hazardous Waste

Regional Collection Center 967-5512

Holiday Pool 273-0700

Housing Rehabilitation Program 273-0770

Human Resources 222-3616

Human Rights Commission 222-3675

Human Services 222-3660

318 5th St • humanservices@wdm.iowa.gov

Senior & Disabled Transportation, Energy
Assistance, Food & Clothing Pantry, Homeless
Prevention

Illegal Waste Disposal 725-0268

<http://www.iowadnr.gov>

State Dept of Natural Resources Industrial or major
hazardous waste and chemical spills.

Minor/Household Spills 222-3321

Job Hotline (City of WDM) 222-3616

www.wdm.iowa.gov

Library 222-3400

4000 Mills Civic Parkway • library@wdm.iowa.gov

Legal Department 222-3523

4200 Mills Civic Parkway

Marriage Licenses SEE Vital Records

Mayor's Office..... 222-3610

Motor Vehicle License Plates/Registration

- Dallas County..... 993-5812
- Polk County..... 286-3030
- Madison County..... 462-1542
- Warren County..... 961-1111

Nature Lodge..... 222-3424

Raccoon River Park 2500 Grand Ave.

One Call Underground Utility Lines

811 OR 1-800-292-8989

Parks and Recreation..... 222-3444

parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov

Parking Violations (non-moving) 222-3600

Passports..... 1-877-487-2778

Planning & Zoning..... 222-3620

developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov

Police Administration..... 222-3300

police@wdm.iowa.gov

Police/Fire/EMS/Dispatch (Westcom)

- Emergency..... 911
 - Non-Emergency..... 222-3321
- 250 Mills Civic Parkway

Post Office..... 255-6471

430 5th St. WDM 50265 • usps.com

Property Tax

- Dallas County..... 993-5808
- Polk County..... 286-3060
- Madison County..... 462-1542
- Warren County..... 961-1110

Public Transportation..... See DART

Public Works..... 222-3480

publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov

Recycling – Curb IT!

Waste Management..... www.wm.com

Missed Pickup/Questions..... 265-5267

Recreation Programs..... 222-3444

Rental Housing Inspector..... 222-3630

developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov

Senior Citizen Meals..... 274-0373

Sewer Stoppages/Repair..... 222-3480

publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov

Shelter Rentals (Parks & Rec)..... 222-3444

School Districts

- Norwalk
981-0676 • www.norwalk.k12.ia.us
- Van Meter
996-2221 • www.vmbulldogs.com
- Waukee
987-5161 • www.waukee.k12.ia.us
- West Des Moines
633-5000 • www.wdm.k12ia.us

Sidewalk Permits..... 222-3480

560 S. 16th St. • publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov

Social Security Offices..... 800-772-1213

Street Light Outages

MidAmerican Energy..... 1-888-427-5632

Street Repairs/Cleaning..... 222-3480

publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov

Taxes..... see Property Tax

Tickets Moving Violations

- Dallas County..... 993-5816
- Polk County..... 222-3772
- Madison County..... 462-1542
- Warren County..... 961-1032

Parking Violations (non-moving)

Finance..... 222-3600

Traffic Signals/Street Signs..... 222-3480

publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov

Trash Collection..... 265-7374

Waste Connections • www.wasteconnections.com

Tree Planting Permits..... 222-3480

publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov

Utilities Mid American Energy

Gas & Electric..... 1-888-427-5632

EMERGENCY..... 1-800-595-5325

One Call Line Locator..... 1-800-292-8989

www.midamericanenergy.com

Valley Junction Foundation..... 222-3642

Vehicle Registration

.....see Motor Vehicle License Plates/Registration

Vital Records

- Dallas County..... 993-5804
- Polk County..... 286-3781
- Madison County..... 462-3771
- Warren County..... 961-1089

Voter Registration

- Dallas County..... 993-6914
- Polk County..... 286-3080
- Madison County..... 462-3914
- Warren County..... 961-1020

Iowa Elections Division..... 281-8849

Water Treatment Plant..... 222-3465

1505 Railroad Ave.

West Des Moines Water Works.. 222-3460

Water/Solid Waste, New Service, Service

Changes/Maintenance..... 4200 Mills Civic Pky

www.wdmww.com • waterworks@wdmww.com

Westcom

- EMERGENCY..... 911
- Dispatch Non-Emergency..... 222-3321

WestPet..... 855-434-7567

Animal Licenses

Yard Waste – Compost IT!

Waste Management..... www.wm.com

General Info/Questions..... 222-3600

Missed Pickup..... 265-5267

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate in City activities. Those individuals seeking City services and in need of special accommodations should either contact the department sponsoring the event or the ADA Coordinator.



WDM Public Library

Mission Statement: The WDM Public Library is a relevant and integral part of the community. The library enriches the lives of residents by providing

convenient and timely access to information and ideas; by offering engaging activities and opportunities for personal and professional growth; by promoting a love of reading and learning; and by remaining responsive to the changing needs of its users.

WDM Library *Adult Programs*

All programs are free and require registration unless otherwise indicated.

You may register for most programs online at www.wdmlibrary.org.

WDM WRITER'S CLUB

2nd & 4th Sat @ 10 am

Informal meetings for accomplished or aspiring writers – share any form of writing and offer/receive constructive criticism. 2nd Floor Library Conference Rm. 222-3413 • wdmwriters.org

CHECKMATES: CHESS & BOARD GAME CLUB

Thu from 6:30-8 pm:

Aug 28, Sep 25, Oct 30

For chess enthusiasts of all ages (children/adults) and skill levels. We'll provide chess sets and feature a different board game each month. Registration required. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org



SCRAPBOOK & CARDMAKER CLUB

Sat, 10 am-4 pm: Sep 6, Nov 1, Dec 6

Fri, 5pm-11pm: Oct 3

Whether you're a scrapbooker or a cardmaker, bring a project and your own supplies. (No sales at the event.) We'll provide space, snacks, camaraderie, and cutting tools! Library Community Rm. \$1 donation requested. Registration preferred. 222-3407 wdmlibrary.org

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HOLIDAY CARDMAKING

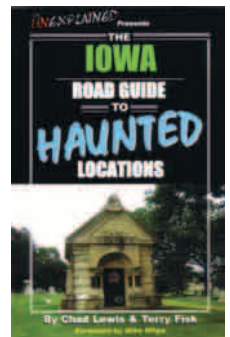
Fri at 6:30 pm: Fall Cards – Sep 19, Christmas Cards – Nov 14

When you care enough to make it yourself! Make three holiday cards for special friends or family. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Library Community Rm after hours. Registration begins Aug 4 for Fall Cards; Sep 20 for Christmas Cards. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org

SCIENCE & THE AFTERLIFE

Tue, Sep 30 @ 7 pm

Terry Fisk, author of the Road Guide to Haunted Locations series, returns! Hear about his ghost investigations with famous medium Allison DuBois and psychic Chip Coffey; his confrontations with skeptic James Randi; and the scientific studies of mediums, near-death and out-of-body experiences, and past-life regression. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. 222-3403 wdmlibrary.org





MAKE A BEADED BOOKMARK

Tue, Oct 14 at 6:30 pm

Learn how to string, knot and crimp as we make a simple beaded thong bookmark. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration required. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org

CLUB READ: ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tue @ 7 pm:

Sep 1 *Remarkable Creatures*
by Tracy Chevalier

Oct 7 *The Silent Wife*
by A.S.A. Harrison

Nov 4 *All Iowa Reads Selection*
(see below)

A few copies are available at the Information Desk or you may bring your own copy. Library 2nd Floor Classroom. Books provided by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org

ALL IOWA READS BOOK DISCUSSION

Tue, Nov 4 @ 7 pm:

Little Wolves by Thomas Maltman

A few copies are available at the Reference Desk (mid-October) or you may bring your own copy. Library 2nd Floor Classroom. All Iowa Reads books provided by the State Library of Iowa. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org



CLUB READ SOCIAL

Tue @ 7 pm: Dec 2

Make new friends! Discover new authors! We'll share what we've all been reading lately! Newcomers welcome. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Library Community Rm. Registration preferred. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org



HOLIDAY TAGS MAKE 'N' TAKE

Sat, Dec 7, 11am-2pm

Stop in to make a few holiday gift tags. We'll have pre-cut tags, ink, and stamps ready for you. No registration. 222-3407 • wdmlibrary.org

OPEN COMPUTER LAB & GADGET ZOO

See Our Website Calendar for Dates & Times

Keeping up with the latest technology can be tough, that's why we offer free one-on-one assistance with Internet, email, attachments, and more. If you're confused by eReaders and tablets, staff can explain the options, and show you how to borrow e-materials from the library! You'll also have a chance to play with the Kindle, Nook, iPad, and other tablets. Laptop lab and devices provided by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration required. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org

IF YOU ENJOY OUR PROGRAMS, PLEASE JOIN THE FRIENDS!

Friends memberships pay for many adult and teen programs: Club Read, Holiday Cardmaking, Author Visits, and Teen Craft Nights, to name a few! **Donations are tax deductible!**

WDM Library Friends Foundation,

4000 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM, IA 50265 • 222-3407 • wdmlibrary.org



WDM Library *Teen Programs***TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)****Wed: Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10****3:30-5 pm, Library Classroom, 2nd Floor**

Are YOU interested in making the Library a better place for teens? Then TAB is for you! The WDM Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is an exciting opportunity for area students (ages 12-18) to take leadership roles in our community, have input in teen activities, and help develop the library's collection of young adult materials. TAB meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, September – May. No registration – just stop by a meeting and see what it's all about! Questions? Contact Courtney. 222-3412 • courtney.bench@wdm.iowa.gov.

**GROUP SERVICE PROJECTS****Wed: Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3 • 3-5 pm, Library Classroom, 2nd Floor**

Are you looking for a few Silver Cord, Community Service, or volunteer hours? The Library is looking for teen volunteers to assist with monthly group service projects. We'll be performing a variety of tasks to help out the Library. NO experience or training necessary! For students, age 13-18. Space is limited. Group Service Projects are on the 1st Wednesday each month, September – May. For more information contact Courtney. 222-3412 • courtney.bench@wdm.iowa.gov.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Programs are for age 12 & up unless otherwise indicated. All programs are free and most require advance registration. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org

TEEN CRAFT NIGHTS**Thu, 6-8 pm: Aug 21, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20**

Join us for an evening program full of crafting goodness! A variety of crafts will be provided with a different craft every month. Ages 12 & up. Sign up online, by phone, or at the Reference Desk. Registration required. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org

Aug 21 – Leftovers for You! A variety of leftovers from crafts gone by will be provided including: Fancy Bookmarks & Coloring Pages, Shrinky Dinks, Bottle Cap or Glass Marble Magnets, and ReadyMech Monsters. You can make any or all that you want! Sign-up begins Mon, Aug 4.

Sep 18 – Recycled Vinyl Bags. Back by popular demand! Make your own bag out of old recycled vinyl banners and duct tape. Sign-up begins Tue, Sep 2.

Oct 16 – Make Your Own Book. Learn how to make your own real book, hardcover bound book, journal, photo album, or drawing book. Sign-up begins Mon, Oct 6.

Nov 20 – Paper Weaving. Weaving is easy, right? Maybe, but when you use paper with song lyrics or words from an old book it turns out pretty cool! Sign-up begins Mon, Nov 3.





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TEEN HALLOWEEN SCREAM

Fri, Oct 13, 6-8pm (after-hours program)

This years' annual after-hours Halloween party for teens will feature a Live Clue Game! Come dressed as your favorite Clue board game character then jump into the action where you will decide Whodunit! (Any costume will do or just come as you are.) There will be door prizes, pizza, and snacks. Ages 12 & up. Sign-up begins Mon, Oct 6. Registration required. 222-3403 • www.wdmlibrary.org

MOVIE RELEASE PARTY! THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY PART 1

**Thu, Nov 20, 6-8 pm,
Library Community Room**

Celebrate the movie event of the season – The 3rd Hunger Games Movie: Mockingjay Part 1! Before you go see the show, refresh your memory and get your head in the world of Panem. We'll play games, test your knowledge of the books, and more. There will be door prizes, snacks, and pizza! Ages 11 & up (adults are welcome too!). Sign-up begins Mon, Nov 3. Registration required. 222-3403 www.wdmlibrary.org



*Check the Library's website for more
information on upcoming teen programs.*

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OF THE 2014 TEEN & CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING CLUBS

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Barnes & Noble

Blank Park Zoo

Dairy Queen, WDM & Windsor Hts

Des Moines Area Quilter's Guild

Leo 9 Textiles

Menchie's

Noodles & Co.

North Forty Golf

P.F. Chang's

Panera

Raygun

Tasty Tacos

Texas Roadhouse

WDM Parks & Recreation

Summer Reading Club would not exist without community support. Approximately 2500 children and teens participate in summer reading activities.

All children's programs are free and most require advance registration, which begins at 9 am on the date in brackets. 222-3405 • wdmlibrary.org

Storytime Series

MOTHER GOOSE STORYTIME

Join us for stories, rhymes, flannelboards, gentle tunes and puppets in the storyroom. This program is designed around early literacy skills for children 6 months old through 2 years with an adult. Registration required.

Mon @ 9:30, 10 & 10:30 am:
 Sep 8, 15 & 22 [Sep 2]
 Oct 13 & 20 [Oct 6]
 Nov 10 & 17 [Nov 3]
 Dec 8 & 15 [Dec 1]

NIGHTY-NIGHT DROP-IN STORYTIME

Join Nate for stories, rhymes, and songs (same format as Family Storytime). All ages w/adult. No registration.

Mon @ 6:45pm:
 Sep 8, 15 & 22 • Oct 13 & 20
 Nov 10 & 17 • Dec 8 & 15

LAPSIT LAMBS

Using rhymes, stories, music, and puppetry, Amy will engage baby and caregiver in language-rich activities designed to introduce early literacy skills. For pre-walking babies (ages 1-18mo w/adult. Library Storyroom. Registration required.

Tue @ 9:30 & 10:30am:
 Sep 9, 16 & 23 [Sep 2]
 Oct 14 & 21 [Oct 6]
 Nov 11 & 18 [Nov 3]
 Dec 9 & 16 [Dec 1]

DROP-IN OLIVER'S TALES

Join Betsy and Oliver the sheep dog for stories, flannelboards, movement rhymes, and music! Storyroom. (No craft at the drop-in program.) All ages. No registration.

Wed @ 9:30 am:
 Sep 10, 17 & 24 • Oct 15 & 22,
 Nov 12 & 19 • Dec 10 & 17

OLIVER'S TALES

Join Betsy and Oliver the sheep dog for stories, flannelboards, movement rhymes, music, and a craft! Storyroom. Ages 3-6. Registration required.

Wed @ 10:30 am & 1:30 pm:
 Sep 10, 17, & 24 [Sep 2]
 Oct 15 & 22 [Oct 6]
 Nov 12 & 19 [Nov 3]
 Dec 10 & 17 [Dec 1]

FAMILY STORYTIME

Join Nate for stories, songs, flannelboards, rhymes, and a craft. Community Room. Ages 2-6 w/adult. Registration required.

Thu @ 10:30 am:
 Sep 11, 18 & 25 [Sep 2]
 Oct 16 & 23 [Oct 6]
 Nov 13 & 20 [Nov 3]
 Dec 11 & 18 [Dec 1]

DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME

Picture books, action rhymes, flannelboards, puppets, and songs for the whole family! Community Room. All ages. No registration.

Fri @ 10:30 am:
 Sep 12, 19, & 26 • Oct 17 & 24
 Nov 14 & 21 • Dec 12 & 19





All children's programs are free and most require advance registration, which begins at 9 am on the date in brackets. 222-3405 • wdmlibrary.org

TALES WITH TAILS

**Thu @ 4 pm: Sep 4, Oct 9,
Nov 6, Dec 4**

Strengthen your reading skills with a 4-legged friend! The West Des Moines Public Library invites you to read with a certified therapy dog and practice your skills as a reader. Ages 6-12. Registration required. Please choose one time slot for each child.

LEGO CLUB

Wed @ 3:45pm:

Sep 10 [Sep 2], Oct 15 [Oct 6]

Nov 12 [Nov 3]

What CAN'T you build with Legos?! Put your creative skills to the test. We'll have a special challenge for you, if you think you're up to it. Community Room. Ages 5-12. Registration required.

KIDS CLUB READ

**Thu @ 4:15 pm: Sep 25, Oct 23,
Nov 13, Dec 18 – Titles TBA**

If you like to read and talk about books, this group is for you! Join us for discussion and activities related to each month's book. Ages 8-12. Sign up in the Children's Dept.

CHECKMATES

**Thu from 6:30-8 pm: Aug 28,
Sep 25, Oct 30**

Chess and Board Game Club – For chess enthusiasts of all ages (children/adults) and skill levels. We'll provide chess sets and feature a different board game each month. Registration required.





WDM Library *Children's Programs*

description

days/dates/times/locations

ages

All children's programs are free and require registration unless otherwise indicated! You may register online at www.wdmlibrary.org, in person, or call us at **222-3405**.

BALLOONING 101

Learn to make balloon creations of all kinds, from hats and wands to animals and more! Taught by Christine Carroll of Pink Stew Entertainment.

Mon, Sep 15 at 1:30 pm
Library Community Room
registration required [Sep 2]

Ages 7-12



PRESCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Put on your favorite costume and join us for not-too-spooky stories and more at the library.

Register for one:
Mon, Oct 27 at 10:30 am & 6:30 pm
Wed, Oct 29 at 10:30 am
Thu, Oct 30 at 10:30 am
Library Community Room
registration required [Oct 6]

2-6 w/adult

DROP-IN FALL CRAFT WEEK

Come in to the Children's Department any time during these 3 days, and we'll have a Thanksgiving craft, just for you!

Mon – Wed, Nov 24 – 26
during library hours
Library Children's Department
no registration

all ages



description

days/dates/times/locations

ages

All children's programs are free and require registration unless otherwise indicated!
 You may register online at www.wdmlibrary.org, in person, or call us at **222-3405**.
 For more information, please visit our website or pick up a calendar in the Children's Department.

HOLIDAY CARD WORKSHOP

Celebrate the season. We'll help you make some ho-ho-holiday cards for your friends and family!

Wed, Dec 10 at 3:45 pm
 Library Community Room
 registration required [Dec 1]

5-12

DROP-IN WINTER CRAFT WEEK

Stop in the Children's Department and we'll have a "chill" winter craft for you.

Mon – Fri, Dec 29 – Jan 2
 during library hours*
 Library Children's Department
 no registration

all ages

POLAR EXPRESS

Climb aboard the Polar Express and depart for an arctic adventure. Entertainment en route includes the story, refreshments, and more!

Wed, Dec 17 at 3:45 pm
 Library Community Rm
 registration required [Dec 1]

5-12

**Note: The library closes at noon on Dec 31 and remains closed Jan 1.
 Regular hours resume Jan 2.*

For more information, please visit our blog: www.wdmlibrarykids.com or pick up a calendar in the Kids' Dept.



If You Enjoy Our Kids' Programs...

PLEASE JOIN THE FRIENDS!



- During the 2012-13 fiscal year the library offered **493** children's programs with **38,883** people attending.
- Memberships provide incentives to more than **2,500** children participating in the Summer Reading Club, which encourages young readers to keep learning when they are not in school.
- Your donation is tax deductible!

WDM Library Friends Foundation

4000 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM, IA 50265 • 222-3407 • wdmlibrary.org



WDM Library services

*All services are **free**
unless otherwise indicated.*

Questions? Call 222.3400

GET A LIBRARY CARD... IT'S FREE!

Present a valid ID with proof of current address. Residents of WDM, DSM, Ankeny, Clive, Urbandale, and Windsor Heights may apply. Cards are valid for three years (no renewal fee).

LIBRARY HOURS

(Labor – Memorial Day)

Mon-Thu: 9 am–9 pm | Fri: 9 am–6 pm

Sat: 9 am–5 pm* | Sun: 2 pm–5 pm*

*SUMMER HOURS

Sat: 10 am–4 pm | Sun: Closed

Call or check our website for holiday hours.

222-3400 | wdmlibrary.org

ONLINE CATALOG... **wdmlibrary.org**

Access the library catalog 24/7 from the comfort of your home...just follow the link on our website. Reserve items that are checked out, or on the shelf!

RENEWALS/ ACCOUNT ACCESS BY PHONE

Use your library card number to access a list of titles checked out, including due dates; overdue items; titles on reserve with your position on the waiting list; and charges on your account. You may renew all of your items at once, or renew individual titles if you have the barcodes.

**225-1576 or 225-1586
wdmlibrary.org**



WE TAKE RESERVATIONS

If the item you want is checked out, use your library card to place a reserve or "hold" on it. Want to read a bestseller? We buy one copy for every six reserves. Holds can be placed by phone or online, and we'll call you when your item comes in. If we don't own the book you need, we can usually buy it, or borrow it from another library within a couple of weeks.

222-3400 | wdmlibrary.org

BOOK CLUB COLLECTION

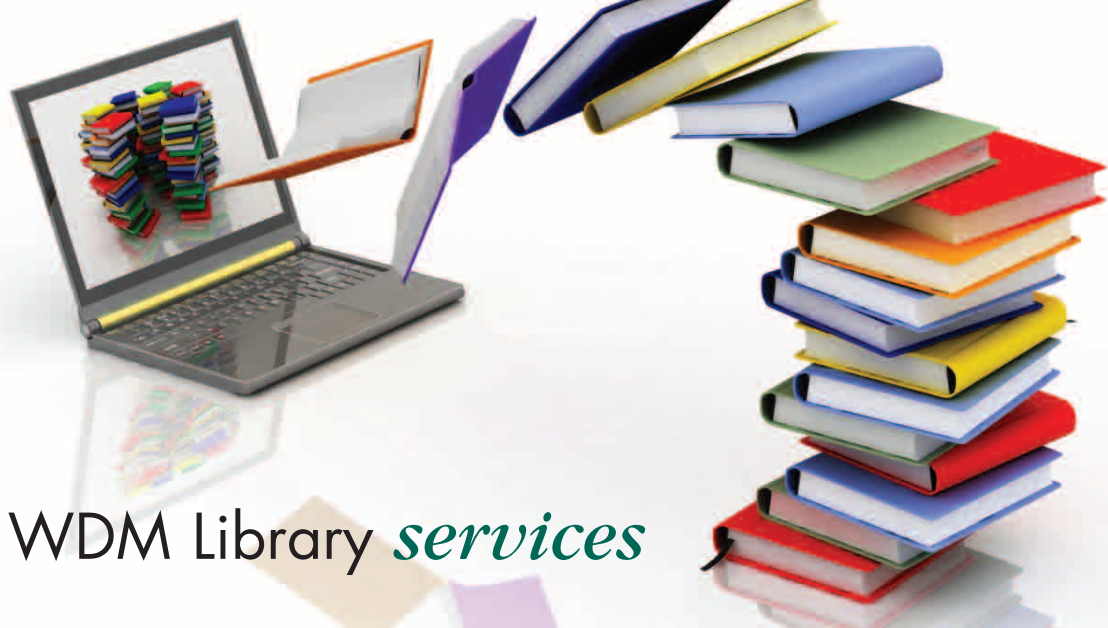
The library has multiple copies of past Club Read titles available for local book clubs to borrow. Specific titles are listed on our website. Advance reservations required.

**222-3413 [adult titles] • 222-3575
[children's titles] | wdmlibrary.org**

MORE THAN BOOKS

Your library is more than a warehouse for books. You'll find popular magazines and newspapers; large print materials; puppets and puzzles; recorded books; new releases, classics, and nonfiction DVD's; music CD's; and more. E-books are offered through the WILBOR library consortium. This works similarly to our OverDrive downloadable audiobooks collection. A WDM library card and a small software install are required. For details, look for the eBooks news item on our website and click on the WILBOR link. **222-3403 | wdmlibrary.org**





WDM Library *services*

TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT

Available for use in the library: photocopier, fax, interactive storybooks, word processing, free Internet access, wireless access, and a 20/20+TV enlarger for the visually impaired. Available for checkout: overhead projector, iPads. Hate long lines? Try the 3M SelfCheck System!

222-3400 • wdmlibrary.org

ASK A LIBRARIAN

Got a question? We can help! Try our electronic resources...EBSCO Host magazine index, Novelist, ProQuest, and more! Business/investment info includes S&P's and The Street publications, Value Line, Investor's Business Daily, and Morningstar Mutual Funds Reports. **222-3403**

LIBRARY BLOGS

From our Internet home page, click on KIDS, TEENS, or ADULTS (orange box, left side). BLOG is one of the choices you'll find in the green box (upper left). Discover great information on our programs, plus book lists, staff recommendations, reading and literacy tips, and more.

222-3405 • wdmlibrary.org

PUBLIC MEETING ROOMS

Available for public use at no charge: small rooms (8 people), Classroom (20), Community Room (60). Call for guidelines and scheduling information. • **222-3400**

TEEN AREA

YA materials are located upstairs, along with comfy couches and study tables. Get book lists and recommendations. For info on programs and activities, drop in or check our website.

222-3412 • wdmlibrary.org

WE MAKE HOUSECALLS!

If you are a WDM resident, unable to come to the library for health reasons and interested in receiving regular monthly visits from a volunteer, give us a call.

222-3400

Check out our new website, with more integrated features and fresh content.



WDM LIBRARY FRIENDS FOUNDATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Our community library is fortunate to have the support of the WDM Library Friends Foundation – a volunteer-based, non-profit organization.

- Friends Memberships fund special projects, like the Laptop Lab, and programs for all ages. Contributions mean more books, music, and movies in the collection, so YOU have a better selection.
- Your donations are tax deductible!

WDM Library Friends Foundation

4000 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM, IA 50265

• 222-3407 • wdmlibrary.org

BE A VOLUNTEER

Make a difference! We need reliable volunteers, especially in our homebound delivery program (1-2 deliveries per month). Fill out an application at the Info Desk.

222-3400 • wdmlibrary.org

BOOK SALE AREA

Don't miss the Friends book sale area (just around the corner from the Info Desk) to find great bargains from 10¢ magazines to \$1 hardbacks – adult and children's titles. Proceeds benefit library programs and collections. • **222-3400**

SOCIAL NETWORKS

Links to our Twitter, Facebook, and Pinterest pages are located on our website home page (upper right corner). "Follow" us on Twitter @ WDMLibrary, WDMLibraryChild or WDMLibraryTeen to receive "tweets" (updates) on library news, programs, and events. "Like" or "Follow" us on Facebook. Visit our Pinterest page to see Activities for Kids, Book Club Picks, Books & Reading (quotes), Staff Picks, and more! Instructions on how to set up accounts are available at the Reference Desk.

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MOBILE APP PUTS THE LIBRARY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

With our new library app, you can instantly tap into library resources from any mobile phone connected to the internet.

Browse the library catalog, hold or renew a book, check your account, ask a question, find events, and more. Search for "West Des Moines Library" on your phone app store and download. It's free!

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See Library Activities pages for adult & children's programs at the WDM Library.

WDM Human Services

"The ♥ of the Community"

WDM Human Services has been helping community members since 1979. As a department within the City of West Des Moines, WDM Human Services is a non-profit agency that provides necessary assistance to low-income, elderly and disabled individuals in our service area. Basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, transportation and emergency assistance are a few of the critical services provided by WDM Human Services. For more than three decades, we have provided support and assistance to community members during emergency and crisis situations to ensure their safety and well being and to improve or enhance their quality of life. WDM Human Services partners with members of the community to provide support and assistance. If you would like to help us meet our community need, please call 273-0633.



TRANSPORTATION

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
SENIOR DINING CENTER Transportation is available for senior residents of West Des Moines, Clive (Polk County), Windsor Heights and Des Moines (Frisbee area only). Along with a nutritious lunch, enjoy several fun daily activities.	Trans. Supervisor 222-3661 Westside Community Center 134 Sixth Street, WDM	M – F 9am – 2pm Lunch served at 11:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior residents (60+) • Reservations required at least 24 hours in advance 	donations encouraged
APPOINTMENTS Transportation is available for necessary medical appointments, recreational group trips and Human Services referral trips.	Trans. Supervisor 222-3661	M – F 8am – 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors (60+), disabled and low-income residents of WDM • Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. 	donations encouraged



WDM Human Services *programs*

Human Services Mission:

"To provide opportunities for citizens to improve and enhance their quality of life and sense of community through the programs and services available."

TRANSPORTATION

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
SENIOR DINNER CLUB Seniors (60+) have the opportunity to enjoy one another's company while they dine at one of our finest area restaurants.	Trans. Supervisor 222-3661	First Tuesday of each month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WDM senior residents. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. 	Cost of your dinner Transportation FREE (donations encouraged)



CITIZENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION

Friendship Connection is a club for young adults with special needs.

WDM
Human
Services
222-3660

Thursdays
10am –
11:30am

- Young adults with special needs


NONE

Friendship Connection is offered every Thursday from 10 am to 11:30 am through WDM Human Services. Participants socialize, play games, sing, enjoy refreshments and have fun! Organizations throughout the community also make special presentations on occasion. Volunteers are needed to assist with this program. To learn more, or to register as a participant, volunteer or presenter, please call 222-3660 or visit our website www.wdmhumanservices.com.



FOOD

WDM Human Services *programs*

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL FOOD PANTRY Emergency food is available at WDM Human Services for households in need.	Program Outreach Assistants 222-3660	M 8:30am - 3pm T 8:30am - 3pm W 8:30am - noon TH 8:30am - 3pm F 8:30am - noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Assistance only. • Must provide picture ID and proof of address • Must be WDM or Clive resident. 	NONE <i>Funding for this program is provided by USDA which is an equal opportunity employer.</i>
HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE Need help with the holidays? Programs are available for qualifying households. Thanksgiving Dinner (November 27 at 11:30am WDM Christian Church)	Program Outreach Assistants 222-3660 To register, please call 222-3661	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 222-3660 to schedule an appointment • Registration begins Oct. 1 • Appointments required • Deadlines apply – call 222-3660 or visit our website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must meet income criteria of Federal Poverty Guidelines. • Must be in our service area. 	NONE
BREAD DISTRIBUTION Donated bakery items are available weekdays for households in need.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M – F 9am	NONE	None



DONATE TODAY!

Go to www.wdmhumanservices.com and click on **"Donate Now"** to make a secure, tax-deductible contribution. It has never been easier to help a neighbor in need!

HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE



description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP) The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps qualifying households with their primary heating costs during the winter.	Program Outreach Assistants 222-3660 Call for an appointment.	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm TH 8am – 3pm Sign-up begins 10/1 for seniors & disabled households 11/1 for all other households Through April 30, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income households in Western Polk county • Social security card & date of birth for all household members • Copy of your most recent heating/ electric bill • 13 weeks of verifiable income from all sources for all household members 	NONE
Dallas County Residents receive assistance at the Dallas County Family Development Center, 2814 1st St., Perry, IA 50220 465-5185				
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE/ HOMELESS PREVENTION Emergency Assistance is available to avoid housing evictions and utility disconnects to eligible households.	Program Outreach Assistants 222-3660	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low income WDM residents. • Residents must show eviction or disconnect notice to qualify. • See above energy requirements. 	NONE
ASSISTANCE WITH GOVERNMENT FORMS Government forms are not always easy to fill out. WDM Human Services is here to help.	Program Outreach Assistants 222-3660	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm	Service area residents.	NONE

Assistance is available for the following forms: Iowa Rent Reimbursement, Property Tax Credit, Special Assessment, Iowa Mobile/Manufactured/ Modular Home Owner Application for Reduced Tax Rate and hawk.i insurance. Bring household income and address verification.



YOUTH ASSISTANCE

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
SCHOLARSHIPS Limited scholarships for recreational/educational activities, are available to eligible households.	Program Outreach Assistants 222-3660	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of income • Proof of address • Documented proof of activity costs • Low income • WDM resident 	depending on household income
HOMEWORK HELPER HOUR One-on-one personalized tutoring to help students meet academic goals.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	Wednesdays 4pm – 5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must live in the West Des Moines School District • Income guidelines • Grades K – 6 	NONE

HOUSING

HOUSING SOLUTIONS

An intensive housing and supportive services program that works with low-income/homeless families to identify and work to overcome barriers preventing them from providing stable or permanent housing for their families.

Housing Solutions Coordinator
222-3666

M – F
 8am – 4pm

Limited availability.

Eligible homeless participants will need to meet HUD homeless guidelines and income criteria.



CURRENT NEEDS LIST

- **Personal care items**
- **Diapers & wipes**
- **Fall/winter clothing (for all ages)**
- **Non-perishable food items**
- **Gift cards for gas, groceries & clothing**
- **Towels, sheets & blankets**

Donations may be dropped off Monday through Friday between 8am & 4pm at 318 5th Street in WDM.



CLOTHING CLOSET

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
Gently used clothing articles are available to those in need. Small household items are also available on a limited basis.	Program Outreach Assistants 222-3660	M 8:30am - 3pm T 8:30am - 3pm W 8:30am - noon TH 8:30am - 3pm F 8:30am - noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of income • Proof of address • Service area resident • ID required 	NONE (donations encouraged)

This is a community supported program — donations of clothing and small household items are always needed.

LIFE SKILLS

COMPUTER CLASSES

are available on a limited basis to teach or enhance computer skills on a variety of levels.

Human Services Staff
222-3660

Tuesdays
3:30pm – 4:30pm

NONE



NONE
(donations encouraged)

ELDERLY ASSISTANCE

HANDYMAN/ CHORE

Services include lawn mowing, snow removal and minor home repairs for low-income elderly and disabled residents of WDM.

Program Outreach Assistants
222-3660

M – F
8am – 4pm

- Income - eligible Seniors (age 60+) or disabled residents of WDM.
- Registration required for new clients.

NONE
(donations encouraged)



VOLUNTEER TODAY!

West Des Moines Human Services extends a heartfelt **THANKS** to all of the wonderful volunteers who donate their time and talents to help us continue to be the heart of the community. Volunteers are currently needed in the food pantry, clothing closet and for our Friendship Connection Program. If you have a passion for helping those in need, please contact **Melinda Hotovec** at **222-3663** or visit **www.wdm.iowa.gov**.



WDM Human Services "The ♥ of the Community"

Help Your Neighbors In Need

The holidays are approaching and you are invited to add one or more families to your holiday list by participating in one of West Des Moines Human Services' holiday assistance programs.

West Des Moines Human Services is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to low-income, elderly and disabled individuals in our service area. Many of our community members are surviving on very limited incomes and struggle to afford even the most basic of necessities. The holiday season can be particularly difficult for these individuals and families.

Please consider partnering with us to assist these struggling members of our community. Gifts can be delivered directly to a family, or you may deliver your gifts to West Des Moines Human Services and we will deliver to the family. Following are the opportunities available:

Thanksgiving

Sponsors are needed to provide grocery gift cards or food baskets.

THANKSGIVING DINNER
Thursday, November 27
11:30 AM
WDM Christian Church
4501 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM
Reservations required.

Call 223-1639 by
November 7th.

(limited seating
available)



** Note, for transportation
to the dinner, please call
222-3661.*

Adopt-A-Family Program

Sponsors are matched with a family in need and asked to provide gifts for the children in the household. A "wish list" from the family will be provided. Sponsors may deliver the gifts directly to their "adopted" family.

Toyland

This program provides toys for children who are not sponsored through the Adopt-A-Family program. This year, Toyland will take place on December 15, 16, 17 and 18 at WDM Human Services. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are needed for this event.

Monetary Gifts and Gift Cards

Monetary donations are also appreciated as this allows us to assist families in need throughout the year.

If you know of other individuals or organizations who may wish to participate, please forward this information along. We have many families and children who need assistance and adopting a family is a wonderful tradition during the holidays. Please contact Mindy Hotovec at 222-3663 with any questions.

If you are interested in providing assistance, please complete the **Holiday Sponsor Form** and send to:

Mindy Hotovec
West Des Moines Human Services
318 5th Street, P.O. Box 65320
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265
Melinda.Hotovec@wdm.iowa.gov
515-222-3663

HOLIDAY SPONSOR FORM

Contact Name

Company Name (if applicable)

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

- ☐ **We will deliver directly to the family.**
(Note, food baskets must be delivered to the family)
- ☐ **We will deliver to WDM Human Services.**

Do you speak Spanish
or have access to
an interpreter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you been a
sponsor in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I/We would like to participate in the following programs offered by WDM Human Services:

Please check the program(s) and fill in the requested information.

☐ **Food Card and/or Food Basket: For which holiday(s)?** _____

☐ **Option 1:** Purchase a **food card** from a local grocery provider for the holidays.
(\$25 increment(s))
I/We will provide a food card(s) for _____ family(s). Maximum size of family(s): _____

☐ **Option 2:** Provide a **food basket** for the holidays.
(Food baskets must be delivered directly to the family)
I/We will provide a food basket for _____ family(s). Maximum size of family(s): _____

☐ **Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program:**

Minimum Requirements: Sponsors are asked to **provide gifts for the children living in the household** consisting of at least two to three gifts per child. Of course, you may provide more if you desire.
(Optional: Sponsors may also provide a food basket for the family consisting of the groceries needed for a holiday meal or a food card from a local grocery provider.)

I/We want to adopt _____ family(s). Maximum size of family(s): _____

Special Preferences: (ie, specific ages) _____

☐ **Toyland**

(Please deliver unwrapped toys to WDM Human Services by December 12th, 2014.)

I will provide approximately _____ toys.

☐ **Monetary Contribution or Gift Cards**

Your contribution will be used to assist families with the greatest need throughout the year.

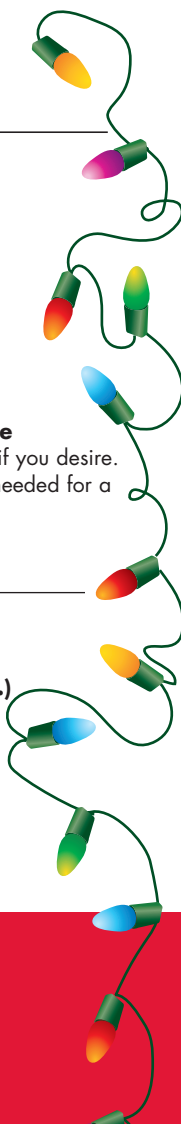
Please make your check payable to: West Des Moines Human Services

Sponsor forms or donations should be sent to:

WDM Human Services • Attention: Mindy Hotovec

318 5th Street, P.O. Box 65320, West Des Moines, IA 50265

Melinda.Hotovec@wdm.iowa.gov • 222-3663





Partner with WDM Human Services to help our neighbors in need!

WDM Human Services Current Needs

Personal Pantry:

Each month WDM Human Services assists approximately 300 low-income households with personal care products. We need your help to meet the needs in our community. Following is a list of items we need on an on-going basis:

- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste
- Diapers (Sizes 3-6)
- Soap

Clothing Closet:

With fall and winter on the way, our clothing closet is in need of new or gently used children's, teen, and adult clothing items for the cooler seasons. We also need towels, sheets, blankets and small household items. Clothing Closet donations are accepted Monday through Friday 8am – 4pm at 318 5th Street in West Des Moines. Donation receipts are available.

WDM HUMAN SERVICES

"The ♥ of the Community"

Sunday Supper In Our Town

September 28

Please join **West Des Moines Human Services** on September 28th at Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar for the 5th Annual **"Sunday Supper In Our Town"** fundraising event as we raise dollars to assist our low-income, elderly and disabled neighbors. Share a delicious meal, great conversation and a wonderful evening of giving back to the community. Tickets are \$125 each. Sponsorships are available. Please call 222-3663 for more information or visit our website at **www.wdmhumanservices.com**.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US!

The City of WDM would love to hear from you on how we can improve the WDM Magazine to better serve the citizens of West Des Moines. Please don't hesitate to give us your suggestions on articles you would like to see, how it is presented, etc.!



Please email your comments and suggestions to **wdmmagazinesuggestions@gmail.com**

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FROM THE CITY MANAGER

It's great to be back living in West Des Moines! West Des Moines was my home after college and then again after I finished graduate school (Iowa State) and working for the State of Minnesota and the FBI in Washington, D.C. I purchased my first home in this City and I often look back at that time and remember the sky high interest rates, the rural landscape just a jog west of Ashworth Road, and the days when Jordan Creek Town Center was not yet a gleam in the eye of the developer.

The years spanning the mid-80s to present day have wrought many changes to the City of West Des Moines. As this community has grown and prospered, I, too, have had the opportunity to grow and learn first, as the City Administrator of Altoona and then, as the Executive Director of Metro Waste Authority for the last 17 years. I have a strong belief in continuous learning, and have pursued it formally with an Executive MBA from the University of Iowa and throughout my entire career with various leadership positions on boards and opportunities presented to me as the director of a regional utility.

Since starting with the City on May 1, I have had the opportunity to meet many new faces and I can proudly say that West Des Moines has a dedicated group of elected officials and city employees.

I have observed a strong organizational commitment to providing excellent services and programs to the residents and businesses in West Des Moines. I have met many citizens genuinely interested in serving their community through a variety of municipal boards and commission positions. And, while we have this dedicated group leading the way right now, we are also tasked with grooming, educating and

preparing new people along the way. Yes... I am talking to you! The retiree; and you, the new empty-nester; and you, the young professional. We need all of you. We need you to bring your diverse ideas, experience, and energy to continuously make our city the best it can be! That's the beauty of local government. Citizens have a voice and can contribute to the direction their community will take in the future. From what I've observed over the years, we (West Des Moines) have not been afraid to take the lead on many fronts, and I want to provide the inspiration and leadership to continue that tradition.

I believe in and want to encourage an atmosphere of continuous improvement and lifetime learning that is responsive to the needs of our community. We will continue to reach out and work collaboratively with our schools and neighboring communities – searching for efficiencies and improvements in the delivery of services at each turn. We will look for ways to improve communication with our residents and businesses – keeping you well informed on what is happening within the community and being proactive in dealing with challenges. Good internal and external communication is key to the success of any organization.

I am honored to serve the City of West Des Moines as your City Manager. My family and I are excited to be back in this fine city, experiencing all that it has to offer, and we look forward to the journey ahead.

Tom Hadden

FALL 2014

WDM Parks & Recreation

PROGRAM GUIDE

Registration Starts:
Online **AUGUST 11**



Help light up West Des Moines!

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a Fall Festival of light

September 27

4200 Mills Civic Pkwy

WDM City/School Campus



Photo by Rob Dehnert

SATURDAY MORNING

- **NEW Mayor's Bike Ride**

(Please see page 3 for event details and registration)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- Inflatables & Games
- Car show
- Food vendors

SATURDAY EVENING

- Inflatables & Games
- FREE hot air balloon rides
- FREE demonstrations and exhibits by Chinese Association of Iowa
- FREE lantern making
- **NEW "Royal Promenade" around the Pond with Little Princess Parties**

(Please see page 3 for event details and registration)

- **FREE outdoor movie – FROZEN**
- Fireworks
- And much, much **MORE!**



For more information check out

www.illumifest.com

ILLUMIFEST EVENTS

New!**Mayor's Bike Ride**

Please join the City of West Des Moines' Mayor, Steve Gaer, for a 25 mile loop throughout West Des Moines! The ride will start at City Hall, 4200 George Mills Civic Parkway at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 27th and will travel various WDM City Streets before returning back at the City Hall Campus. Help us kick off our Illumifest Event as we "cycle into fall" with a family, fun event. All registered participants will receive an event T-shirt, and a limited number of bicycle helmets will be handed out to riders. Save the date!

DATE	Saturday, September 27
TIME	Beginning at 10am
LOCATION	WDM City Hall
FEE AGES	\$10 per biker 5 and up
REGISTER BY	September 5
PROGRAM #	14328

**New!****Little Princess Parties****"Royal Promenade" around the Pond with Little Princess Parties**

This is a unique new event, created to complement our Illumifest special event! Join several of the "Royal Princesses" for a meet-and-greet before the movie FROZEN plays on the giant 28' outdoor movie screen. These professional look-alike Royal characters will be stationed around the pond and available for an autograph and quick photo with your little ones! Bring your unique "autograph book" with the Little Princess Parties actress photos inside for signing*. What a fantastic storybook keepsake to a most memorable evening!

DATE	Saturday, September 27
TIME	5pm – 7pm
LOCATION	WDM City/School Campus—around the pond
FEE	\$10 per child
REGISTER BY	September 5
PROGRAM #	14329

*** Please note:** Due to time limitations, your registration does not guarantee you a photo and an autograph with ALL Princess characters available. **Autograph books must be picked up in the Parks and Recreation Office Wednesday – Friday, September 24 – 26 and brought to the event.** A very limited number of books will be available for purchase on-site.

HALLOWEEN HOOPLA

Halloween is lurking just around the corner, and this haunted holiday would not be complete without a fun, family-friendly event at Raccoon River Park! Come on out and join the freaky festivities. We will decorate pumpkins and enjoy a ride on the "Witch's Wagon" around the Lake. You will be treated to Count Dracula's "blood" while making your own Skeleton S'mores! Be sure to save the date....we're just dying to see you there.

DATE	Friday, October 24
TIME	5:30pm – 7:30pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
FEE	
ages 12+	\$6
ages 2 – 11	\$4
under 2 years	FREE
PROGRAM #	14330

Please note: All children must be supervised by a paying adult to participate in the evening festivities and to ride the hay rack.



BEGGARS NIGHT

Beggars night for the City of West Des Moines will be Thursday, October 30 from 6pm – 8pm.

HOLIDAY TURKEY SHOOT

A wonderful holiday event for children and adults. Teams will consist of an adult and child. Each team will get 20 free throws (10 per person). High score in each age group wins a turkey. Age groups for boys and girls will be available. To register please call the Walnut Creek YMCA at 224-1888.

DATE	Friday, November 7
TIME	7pm
LOCATION	Walnut Creek YMCA
FEE/AGES	FREE FOR ALL AGES



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join us for this fun, festive, holiday breakfast featuring Santa Claus himself!! Our event features an all you can eat pancake breakfast catered by "Chris Cakes." Photos on Santa's lap will be available so be sure to bring your camera! Limited tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Please be sure to register early. (Please note: All children must be supervised by a paying adult to attend.)

DATE	Saturday, December 13
TIME	8am – 10am (Open house format)
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
FEE	
ages 12+	\$6
ages 2 – 11	\$4
under 2 years	FREE
REGISTER BY	November 23
PROGRAM #	14332



THIS IS SANTA CALLING

Have you been naughty or nice? This is a FREE service for children **3-6** years old who are West Des Moines residents. If your child would like to talk to Santa, just call the North Pole Extension Office at 222-3444 after October 3. You will be mailed an information sheet to return to Santa before the date of the calls.

DATE Monday, December 15

TIME 6pm – 7:30pm

ONE STOP SHOPPING!

Are you looking for a unique gift for the Holidays? Do you enjoy the products sold at "Home Shows" but haven't had the time or energy to host a party? Well, we've got the answer for you! Representatives from several home based businesses will gather to display their products, all under one roof. Let this unique event take some stress off of your Holiday shopping by bringing these wonderful products to you!

This will be held in conjunction with Valley Junction's "Jingle in the Junction" event. What a great way to shop and prepare for the Holidays in a unique retail district.

DATE	Thursday, November 20
TIME	5pm – 8pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center South Dining Room
FEE	FREE ADMISSION

Limited vendor space available!! Please call Jodie at **222-3645** for more information.



IOWA HAWKEYES VS. INDIANA FOOTBALL

Join us as we travel to Kinnick Stadium to watch the Iowa Hawkeyes take on Indiana! This exciting day trip includes your game ticket and round trip transportation. Pack your cooler, and leave the driving to us as we travel via deluxe motor coach. What a great way to experience Hawkeye football at Kinnick Stadium. GO HAWKS!!



DATE	Saturday, October 11
TIME	TBA
LOCATION	Iowa City
FEE	\$110
REGISTER BY	October 11
DEPARTURE LOCATION	WDM City Hall
PROGRAM #	14333



New!

"BROADWAY ACROSS AMERICA" PRESENTS: DIRTY DANCING

The classic story on stage is an unprecedented live experience, exploding with heart-pounding music, passionate romance, and sensational dancing. Seen by millions across the globe, this worldwide smash hit tells the classic story of Baby and Johnny, two fiercely independent young spirits from different worlds who come together in what will be the most challenging and triumphant summer of their lives. Featuring the hit songs, "Hungry Eyes," "Hey Baby," "Do You Love Me?" and the heart stopping "(I've Had) The Time of My Life." London's Sunday Express says "This crowd-pleasing stage adaptation hits the jackpot!" Don't miss your chance to see this record-breaking live theatre sensation. This overnight trip includes transportation, your hotel stay, free time for shopping and your ticket to the Saturday evening performance. Join us for the time of your life!

DATE	Sat – Sun Oct. 18 – 19, 2014
TIME	TBA
LOCATION	Minneapolis, MN
FEE	\$190/person double \$170/person triple \$160/person quad \$255/person single
REGISTER BY	September 26
DEPARTURE LOCATION	WDM City Hall
PROGRAM #	14334

New!

"DISNEY ON ICE" PRESENTS: FROZEN

Enter a fantastical winter wonderland beyond all imagination as Disney On Ice presents Frozen! The heartwarming, Academy Award-winning tale you love is now LIVE and skating into the Target Center of Minneapolis. You'll be magically whisked away into the wintry world of Arendelle, where you will be dazzled by amazing special effects and astonishing skating. Sing and dance along to inspiring songs, including "Let It Go." Join royal sisters Elsa and Anna, the hilarious snowman Olaf, Kristoff, his loyal reindeer Sven and the mystical trolls as they journey to discover that true love is ultimately the most magical power of all! Hosted by Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse, with special guest appearances by your most beloved Disney Princesses and characters from favorites like Disney Pixar's Toy Story, Finding Nemo and Disney's The Lion King, this unforgettable celebration of love and friendship will leave your family with memories to last a lifetime. This overnight trip includes transportation, free time at the MOA, your hotel stay at the Edina Residence Inn, breakfast and your ticket to the Sunday matinee performance. We have reserved seating in section 111, so be sure to register early!



DATE	Sat – Sun April 11 – 12, 2015
TIME	TBA
LOCATION	Minneapolis, MN
FEE	\$159/person double \$149/person triple \$139/person quad \$224/person single
REGISTER BY	March 21
DEPARTURE LOCATION	WDM City Hall
PROGRAM #	14335

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration, with the remaining balance due three weeks prior to departure. Because all travel expenses are prepaid, we cannot offer refunds for travel programs.

MARTIAL ARTS

TAE-KWON-DO/KARATE

The Korean art of self defense, Tae-Kwon-Do is recognized as a beneficial method of improving health, balance, agility and poise. As a philosophy of mental alertness and moral ethics, TKD can serve to enhance anyone's life young or old. Beginner classes are for white through green belts. Intermediate/Advanced classes are for green belts and up.

Session I	August 26 – October 11 (No Class August 30)
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Session II	Oct. 14 – Dec. 6 (No Class November 29)
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BEGINNER CLASS

DAY	TIME
Tuesdays	6:30pm

Saturdays	9am
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PROGRAM #	
Session I	14227
Session II	14228

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

DAY	TIME
Tuesdays	7:30pm

Saturdays	10am
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PROGRAM #	
Session I	14229
Session II	14230



TAE-KWON-DO/ KARATE

LITTLE NINJAS

INSTRUCTOR:

Phil Dickey: Fifth Degree Black Belt in Karate, Fourth Degree Black Belt in Tae-Kwon-Do, International Martial Arts Hall of Fame Inductee.

LOCATION	WDM Community Center
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AGES	6 and up
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REGISTER BY	One week before the session starts
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FEE	\$42
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LITTLE NINJAS

Session I	August 26 – October 11
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DAY/TIME	PROGRAM #
Tues 5:30pm	14231

Tues 6pm	14232
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Sat 8:30am	14233
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Session II	Oct. 14 – Dec. 6 (No Class November 29)
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DAY/TIME	PROGRAM #
Tues 5:30pm	14234

Tues 6pm	14235
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Sat 8:30am	14236
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Join our early childhood program designed to teach the basic fundamentals of both Tae-Kwon-Do and Karate. This class will focus on building self-respect, self-confidence, coordination of mind and body, and self-discipline.

LOCATION	WDM Community Center
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AGES	4 – 5
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REGISTER BY	1 week before the session starts
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FEES	
Tuesdays	\$28
Saturdays	\$24

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

TUMBLE TOTS

Tumble Tots is a beginning tumbling program for boys and girls ages three and four. This course will focus on forward rolls, backward rolls and walking on a "balance beam." Each 45 minute class is held at the Nature Lodge at Raccoon River Park. Class size is limited to 15 participants.

DAY	Tuesdays
TIME	5:30pm – 6:15pm
DATES	Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25
AGES	3 and 4 years
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
FEE	\$29
PROGRAM #	14340



INDOOR PLAYGROUND

Need to get out of the house and let that toddler run off some steam? We've created an indoor playground that can help get the job done. Toys, slides, and riding toys will challenge your child for a day of fun! Parents are required to stay and supervise their children.

DAYS	Mondays & Wednesdays
TIME	12:00 to 2pm
DATES	October 15 – December 17
AGES	4 and under with adult
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
FEE	FREE



FIRST STEPS DANCE CLASSES

First Steps Dance classes are designed to introduce children to the fundamental skills of dance at a cost and time commitment that is minimal to parents. All classes are led by Josalynn Agnew, an instructor with many years of studio experience. Let your child learn basic dance movements in a non-threatening, recreational environment!

- 3-4 year olds will receive instruction in ballet and jazz.
- 5-7 year olds will receive instruction in ballet, jazz, and tap.

No special shoes are required. The registration fee covers all 6 weeks of instruction and a t-shirt.

DAYS	Tuesdays
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
FEE	\$39

SESSION 1

DATES	September 2 – October 7	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
3 – 4	5pm – 5:30pm	14258
3 – 4	5:30pm – 6pm	14259
3 – 4	6pm – 6:30pm	14260
5 – 7	6:30 – 7:30pm	14261

SESSION 2

DATES	October 21 – November 25	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
3 – 4	5pm – 5:30pm	14263
3 – 4	5:30pm – 6pm	14264
3 – 4	6pm – 6:30pm	14265
5 – 7	6:30 – 7:30pm	14266



YOUTH/CHILD SPORTS

START SMART PROGRAMS

The Right Start... Start Smart

Start Smart Programs, created by the National Alliance for Youth Sports, help kids get ready for sports...and succeed in life. It is a step-by-step approach that builds confidence and self-esteem, and makes sports fun. The Start Smart philosophy is based around the idea that kids and parents will be able to have a positive sports experience together. Start Smart was developed by top motor skill development specialists in the field of youth sports. Parent-child groups perform motor skill tasks that gradually build confidence in children while they are having fun at the same time. Also, parents spend quality time together with their child while learning how to properly teach and support them in sports. All materials needed for participation are included in the registration fee, and **a parent must attend and participate with their child.** It is recommended that non-registered siblings do not attend.

Please note that this is a structured skill learning environment, and very little time will be spent in a group game setting.

SOCCER

DATES: Tuesdays,
September 9 – October 7
TIME: 5:30 pm – 6:30pm
AGES: 4 – 6
LOCATION: Wild Rose Park
FEE: \$65
PROGRAM #: 14226

FOOTBALL

DATES: Thursdays,
September 11 – October 9
TIME: 5:30pm – 6:30pm
AGES: 5 – 7
LOCATION: Ashawa Park
FEE: \$60
PROGRAM #: 14327

**WEATHER
CANCELLATION
HOTLINE:
222-3500**



NATURE CLASS FOR CHILDREN 3-5

CHILD

Uncle Ikes NATURE PROGRAMS

The purpose of the Uncle Ikes program is to give children the opportunity to learn about Iowa's natural resources, environment and outdoor recreation. It is hoped that children who attend will gain an increased awareness about the earth and will learn to make responsible environmental decisions as they grow. Non-residents of West Des Moines are eligible to register for these

programs at the same time residents are allowed to register. These programs are co-sponsored by WDM Parks and Recreation, Polk County Conservation Board and the Izaak Walton League Des Moines Chapter.



NATURE FRIENDS - PRESCHOOLERS EXPLORING NATURE

We will explore a different nature topic each evening through stories, sharing time, guided exploration, and art activities. Snacks will be provided.

Your preschooler can participate in a Park Passport Program. Attend five

different programs, each located at a different park and receive a Nature Friend Explorer pack.

One Nature Friend Explorer pack per child please.

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm, **6pm – 7pm **Ages:** 3 – 5 and adult **Fee:** \$7

Date	Topic	Location	Program #
Tues. 8/19	Wiggly Worms	Ashawa Park	14068
Mon. 9/8	Tyke Hike	Brown's Woods	14148
Tues. 9/23	Nutty Squirrels	Legion Park	14271
**Mon. 10/ 6	Migration Sensation	Fort Des Moines #2	14272
**Tues. 10/28	Going Batty	Quail Park	14273

MERIT MANIA

BEAR CUBS

Sharing your world with Wildlife Come to make a bird feeder, hear what a conservation officer does and talk about some of the cool animals that are now extinct.

DATE: Monday, November 17

TIME: 6pm – 7pm

AGES: 7 – 9

LOCATION:

Raccoon River Nature Lodge

FE: \$6 per child

(needs to be accompanied by an adult)

PROGRAM #: 14267



PARK PACKS

Have you ever wanted to do fun and educational outdoor activities with your children, scouts or home school group, but didn't know where to start? The West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department has put together "Park Packs" to help you get started. These packs will give you the knowledge and activities to get your family out and enjoying nature. You will be able to check out the "Park Packs" from the Nature Lodge. We currently have packs available on insects, birds, mammals, GPS Geocaching and life in the pond. Come and check one out today!



LET'S PAINT WITH COLORS!

New!

In this class, children will use acrylic paints on canvas to paint their favorite creation of nature. Children will be given instruction on how to paint their favorite flower, bug, dinosaur, or creature with colors and energy. Please have your child bring a painting shirt and a picture of their chosen subject. If they don't have a picture, many will be made available to them. Don't forget to send them with a smile and willingness to have fun!

This class will be taught by Nyki Christ, a graphic designer, painter, muralist, and former student of Miranda Keytes Studio. The program fee covers all supplies needed for this 6 week program.

DATES	October 6 – November 10
DAYS	Mondays
TIME	5pm – 6pm
LOCATION	West Des Moines Community Center
AGES	6 – 11
FEE	\$55
PROGRAM #	14256

STORY HOUR AT THE PARK

Come to Southwoods Park to enjoy story hour with our staff naturalist. Bring a lunch to enjoy as we share nature books, stories and games.

DAY	Wednesdays
DATES	October 8 – 29
TIME	Noon
LOCATION	Southwoods Park
FEE	FREE FOR ALL AGES



WHIPPOORWILL THEATRE

provides young people a unique experience with quality scripts and classical training through live theatre. All our productions include workshops on auditioning skills, stage movement, vocal training, and so much more. Find out more at www.whippoorwilltheatre.com

**New!**

WHIPPOORWILL CHILDREN'S THEATRE A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD-KIDS!

These well-loved characters hop from the page to the stage a Tony-nominated musical A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD. This whimsical show follows two great friends - the cheerful, popular Frog and the rather grumpy Toad - through four, fun-filled seasons.

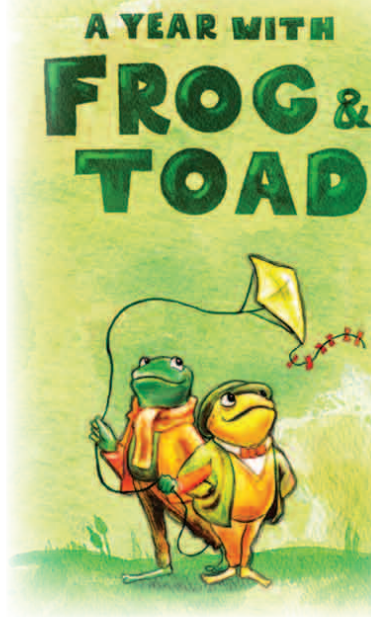
Waking from hibernation in the Spring, Frog and Toad plant gardens, swim, rake leaves, go sledding, and learn life lessons along the way. The two best friends celebrate and rejoice in their differences that make them unique and special. Part vaudeville, part make believe, all charm, A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD tells the story of a friendship that endures, weathering all seasons.

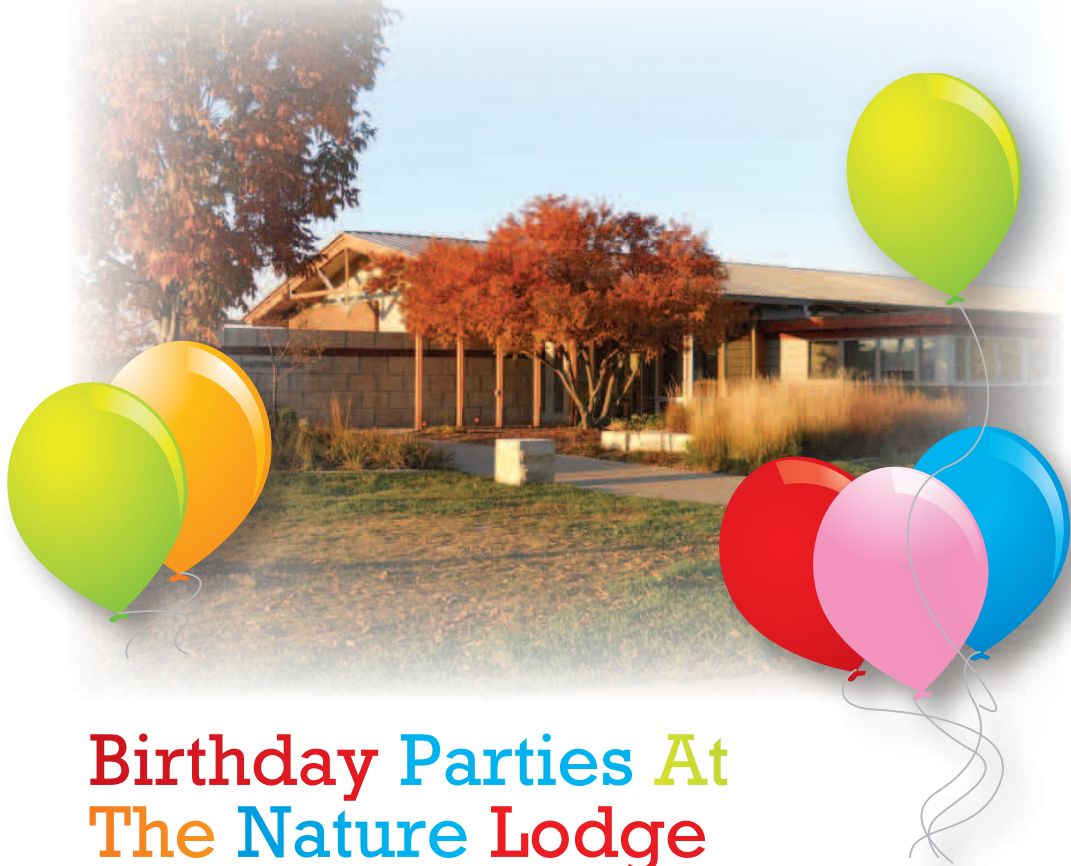
The jazzy, upbeat score of A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD bubbles with melody and wit, making it an inventive, joyful, and enchanting musical for the whole family! Our production will feature flexible casting with the possibility of multiple sets of Frog and Toad.

As always with Whippoorwill shows with West Des Moines Parks and Recreation, every kid gets a role! And during the process of preparing it they will learn audition skills, stage and vocal skills, teamwork, professionalism, and so much more! Come be a part of a hoppin' good time.

Each participant will receive a souvenir script to keep and two complimentary tickets for family or friends.

DATES Rehearsals	Sept. 4 – Nov. 6 (No rehearsal Oct. 30)
DATES Performances	Fri., Nov. 7 at 7pm & Sat., Nov. 8 at 2pm
DAYS Thursdays Sundays	TIMES 6:30pm – 8:30pm 4pm – 7pm
LOCATION	West Des Moines Community Center
AGES	8 – 18
FEE	\$125
PROGRAM #	14262
CLASS SIZE Minimum Maximum	9 20





Birthday Parties At The Nature Lodge

Birthdays are special, and we have some great ways to celebrate them! Choose from various themes and locations, and leave the planning details to us!! Our parties include: set up; a reserved space for your event; a party host or hostess; a theme related activity; cake; ice cream; juice; paper goods; and most importantly....the clean up!! All parties cost \$110 for the first 12 participants

(including the birthday child) and are two hours in length. An additional fee of \$10 per child will be charged for parties larger than 12, with a maximum of 15 participants allowed. *PLEASE NOTE: All party participants must meet the minimum age required for each specific party!!* To schedule your special date, please call 222-3424. Reservations must be made at least 2 weeks in advance.

THEME:**AGE: (of all party participants)**

Animal Tracks

4-7

Frozen

4-7

Pirate Party

5-7

Flower Power

5-7

Princess Party

5-7

Star Wars

5-7

Party themes are effective September 1st.



Parties @ THE WDM Teen Center

Are you looking for something new to do for your child's birthday this year? Want to take your youth group somewhere they haven't been yet? Just looking to have fun with your friends for a night?

Then the WDM Teen Center is the place for your next party!

Choose 2 elements for your party from the list below. We will provide the staff, the facility, the snacks, the set-up and the clean-up. All you have to do is come and enjoy yourself and thrill your guests!

Location: 1401 Vine Street

Days/Time: M — F • 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Fee: \$120 for the first 15 participants
(\$5 per additional participant with a max of 30 participants)



PARTY ELEMENTS (pick any 2)

Rock Wall Warriors

We have an 18 ft high rock climbing wall that can climb 2 people at a time. We have all the necessary equipment. Anyone wanting to climb must wear tennis/climbing shoes and complete an activity waiver.

Movie Mania

We will set up our sound system and projector to create a movie theater experience for your group. Popcorn is included for your guests. You help pick the movie.

Rec Room Revelry

We have a pool table, ping pong table, foosball table, basketball spot shot, and air hockey table all for you to enjoy. We can even set up a tournament for you and your guests to challenge each other throughout the evening.

Vigorous Video Games

We will get you set up on the Xbox 360, Kinect, Wii, or Playstation. We have a wide range of games to choose from.

Karaoke Kraziness

We will set up our sound system and projector to rock out with your friends. We have loads of songs for you to choose from.

**Call 222-3444
to schedule your
party today!**

Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance.



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HOURS:

Monday • Tuesday • Thursday • Friday 2:30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 1:50pm – 6pm

What the WDM Teen Center is all about.

Headed up by the West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department, The WDM Teen Center opened its doors in the Fall of 2006. Working jointly with WDM Community Education and the WDM Community School District (WDMCSD) the Teen Center provides a safe and recreational environment for students from Stillwell Junior High, Indian Hills Junior High and Valley Southwoods! The Teen Center features movie days, cooking classes, pool tournaments, guest speakers, sports, study time, leadership games, and dances, among other activities. User survey results show 76% of youth stay at the Center for two hours or more, and 69% say it is likely they would be home alone if they could not attend the Teen Center. Community support has truly made this a safe and fun environment for the youth of West Des Moines. The Teen Center follows the WDMCSD calendar and is not open when school is closed. The Teen Center will also be closed when there is an early dismissal or when school is cancelled due to inclement weather.



Your kids will find great things to do at the Teen Center.

From video games to Internet access, your child will find a large variety of activities to keep them busy while they are at the Teen Center.

The WDM Teen Center has 8 computers that have Internet access. This access is filtered through the WDMCSD's safety settings. So basically, anything they can access at school, they can access at the Teen Center, or vice versa. Students sign up for time slots each day in which they can use the computers. A staff member is always in the room when computers are being used. The Teen Center has been fortunate in receiving many donations throughout its short history. Some of these include a pool table, foosball table, 2 Wii game systems, an Xbox 360, a rock climbing wall, numerous books, puzzles, craft supplies, and much, much more. One day each week is known as the Snack Shack day. Students can purchase after-school concessions and often help in the management of the Snack Shack.

Field trips are often scheduled where staff take up to 10 students off-site for either a recreational or service-oriented activity. Of course, studying is always allowed and staff members are more than willing to help your child with daily assignments and homework. And finally, most Teen Center attendees like to just sit around in one of our many furnished areas and chat with friends.



Follow the WDM Teen Center on Facebook.

Why you need to register your child today.

To ensure your child's access to the Teen Center, please register them on-line.

Each student wanting to attend the Teen Center must register. Students will be admitted to the Teen Center by scanning the school ID each day of attendance. This will need to be done when they arrive and when they leave each day. Students can only sign in and out one time per day.

The West Des Moines Teen Center will be charging a yearly registration fee of \$50 per student. Each student is allowed up to 3 FREE visits to the Teen Center. The \$50 fee will be charged if a child has used the Teen Center more than 3 times. If payment is not received after the third visit, admittance will not be granted on the student's next visit.

Your child can be registered and the registration fee can be paid on-line at <https://reconline.wdm-ia.com> using the program # 14224.

Discipline Policy at the Teen Center

The Teen center uses the "3 Strikes You're Out" method of discipline. A detailed record of each offense will be kept on file. Parents will be notified their child has received a strike. The first strike will result in removal from the Teen Center for the day. The second strike will result in removal from the Teen Center for 5 school days. The third strike will result in removal from the Teen Center for the remainder of the school year. The Teen Center is a Zero Tolerance facility, and the discipline for all offense will be left to the Teen Center staff members' discretion.

WDM Teen Center Registration Form and Registrant Handbook can be found at
www.wdm.iowa.gov/teencenter

JUST YELL FIRE™ CLASS

New!

The award winning Just Yell Fire™ program is the leading teen safety and self-defense program in the nation. This class for middle and high school students (ages 12-17) is designed to empower participants with the information and skills they need to protect themselves. The comprehensive program presents participants with the Dating Bill of Rights, teaches ways to stay safe, predict violence and avoid and deter potentially dangerous situations. The simple, easy to learn street fighting techniques give participants the confidence that they could effectively fight back and escape attack situations, even against someone larger and stronger. All participants receive an educational booklet, bookmark, and training DVD to take home.

Class provided by Amanda Kruse from Des Moines Area Self Defense. Amanda has a Master's degree in Social Work and is a Certified Just Yell Fire Instructor.

DATES

Session 1 October 15 14285

Session 2 November 12 14286

TIME 6pm – 8:30pm

INSTRUCTOR

Amanda Kruse, MSW,
Des Moines Area Self Defense, LLC

AGES 12 – 17 years

FEE \$45 per session

TO REGISTER CONTACT

Amanda Kruse
(515) 975-7156
dsmselfdefense@gmail.com

PROGRAM #



For more information about this class, go to **www.dsmselfdefense.com** and be sure to check out the Just Yell Fire™ website at **www.justyellfire.com**.



***Advance Registration Required. To register for a class call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcross.org/takeaclass**

AMERICAN RED CROSS PROGRAMS

BABYSITTER'S TRAINING

This course gives youth ages 11 to 15 years old the knowledge and confidence to care for infants and school-age children. Combining video, activities, hands-on skills training and discussion for a complete learning experience, Babysitter's Training teaches youth how to:

- Respond to emergencies and illnesses with first aid, rescue breathing and other appropriate care
- Make decisions under pressure
- Communicate with parents to learn household rules
- Recognize safety and hygiene issues
- Manage young children
- Feed, diaper and care for infants
- Start their babysitting business

*Be sure to bring a sack lunch.

UPCOMING CLASS

- September 20
8:30am – 3:30pm



ADULT AND PEDIATRIC FIRST AID/CPR AND BBP

Training meets OSHA Guidelines for First Aid Programs and combines lecture, interactive video demonstrations featuring emergency scenarios that are likely to occur in a variety of environments and hands-on training to teach participants lifesaving skills.

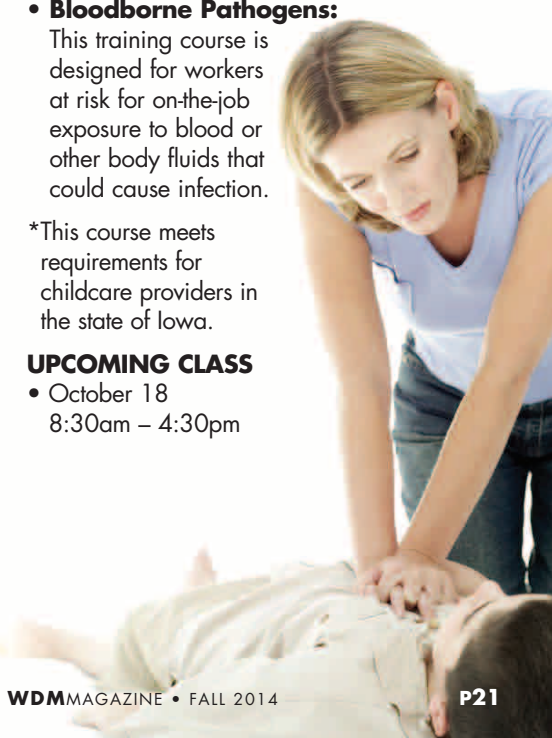
- **First Aid:** Participants learn to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies, such as burns, cuts and scrapes, sudden illnesses, head, neck and back injuries, and heat and cold emergencies.
- **CPR Adult:** Participants learn how to perform CPR and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults
- **CPR Child and Infant:** Participants learn how to prevent, recognize and respond to cardiac and breathing emergencies in infants and children under 12
- **Bloodborne Pathogens:**

This training course is designed for workers at risk for on-the-job exposure to blood or other body fluids that could cause infection.

*This course meets requirements for childcare providers in the state of Iowa.

UPCOMING CLASS

- October 18
8:30am – 4:30pm



RACCOON RIVER PARK



The archery facility is the first of its kind in Iowa and includes features such as:

- Enclosure walls/fencing
- Overhead 'arrow curtains'
- Shelter over shooting area
- Staging area
- 12 shooting lanes
- Targets up to 40 yards distance

Funding for this project has been generously provided by: Polk County Board of Supervisors, IDNR Shooting Sports Program, WDM Community Enrichment Foundation, City of West Des Moines

For more information:
515.222.3444 • parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov

Fee Information

Annual Permits

Adult Resident	\$ 20
Adult Non-Resident	\$ 40
Youth (15 & Under) Resident	\$ 10
Youth (15 & Under) Non-Resident..	\$ 20

Daily Permits/Replacements

Daily Permit—Resident /	
Non-Resident	\$ 5
Replacement of Lost Permit	\$ 5

Permit Information

Annual Permits and Daily Permits can be purchased at the following locations:

WDM Parks & Recreation Office

4200 Mills Civic Pkwy, Suite 1B, WDM
Phone: 222-3444 Fax: 222-3459
Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm

Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge

2500 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines
Phone: 222-3424 Fax: 222-3658

www.wdm.iowa.gov/Archery

ARCHERY FACILITY



Explore Archery

Have you thought about trying out archery, but you don't have any equipment? These family events are planned just for you! Come to the NEW archery facility at Raccoon River Park to give it a try. We will provide bows and arrows for you to try this exciting sport. This activity is free for all ages, but registration is required.

- Saturday, August 30 #14279
9am – 10:30
- Thursday, September 11 #14280
5:30pm – 7pm
- Thursday, October 9 #14281
5:30pm – 7pm

Senior Days

These days are for active seniors! Have you wanted to try archery? We have the equipment, come and try it out. This event is free, but registration is required.

- Tuesday, September 2 #14282
9:30am – 11am
- Wednesday, October 15 #14283
9:30am – 11am

SENIOR DAY TRIPS

Open to people 55 years and over.

"CASH ON DELIVERY" AT THE AMANA THEATRE

When con man Eric decides to get out of the scam business, things come unglued as the tenants he made up in order to collect government money, take on a life of their own. Throw in a social worker, a couple's therapist, a grief counselor, a mortician, an unknowing fiancée and a worried wife and you have the perfect formula for hilarity in this fast-paced comedy full of BIG laughs! Rated PG. Lunch is included at the Ox Yoke Inn, with free time for shopping. Enjoy the day out with us at the Amana Colonies!

DATE: Thursday, September 11

TIME: 8am – 6pm

LOCATION: Amana Colonies

FEE: \$69

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

August 28

DEPARTURE LOCATION:

Valley West Mall—SE Lot

PROGRAM #: 14336

"FALL FOLIAGE CRUISE" THROUGH 2 LOCK AND DAMS ON THE CELEBRATION BELLE

Enjoy the scenic fall colors as we cruise downriver and enjoy all of the wonderful food and live entertainment along the Mississippi River to the historical town of Muscatine, IA. We'll board the largest luxury excursion vessel on the upper Mississippi river, and take in breathtaking views. As if that weren't enough to tempt you...our day will also include: sticky rolls and fruit as the cruise departs; a full hot lunch buffet; and a snack in the afternoon! Prepare yourself for a fun, relaxing day on the river.

DATE: Wednesday, October 22

TIME: 7am – 7pm

LOCATION: Moline, IL to Muscatine, IA

FEE: \$94

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

October 8

DEPARTURE LOCATION:

Valley West Mall – SE Lot

PROGRAM #: 14337



"THE CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES IN: A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR BASEMENT" AT THE AMANA THEATRE

Those lovable Church Basement Ladies are back in this all-new musical! Join the fun as they run a food booth at the county fair, teach one of their own how to drive and help their very nervous Pastor make it to the alter on time for his wedding! Whether you've seen them before or are brand new to the basement kitchen, you'll have fun watching the ladies dish it out! Rated G. Lunch is included at the Ox Yoke Inn, with free time for shopping. Enjoy the day out with us at the Amana Colonies!

DATE: Wednesday, November 5

TIME: 8am – 6pm

LOCATION: Amana Colonies

FEE: \$69

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

October 22

DEPARTURE LOCATION:

WDM City Hall

PROGRAM #: 14338

DAY TRIP INFORMATION

***PLEASE NOTE:**

Space is limited to the first 52 people that register. These trips generally fill quickly, so please register early.

The date listed is a registration cut-off date. These trips are open to people 55 years old and over. Please note the departure location for each trip!



BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE ACRYLIC PAINTING

New!

In this class, adults will learn to paint a still life project that is full of life and color. Registrants will start out with a preliminary idea of their choosing, followed by a finished acrylic painting that they will be proud to show to their family and friends!

Registrants are asked to bring an old paint shirt and can feel free to bring their own acrylics or brushes if they like.

This class will be taught by Nyki Christ, a graphic designer, painter, muralist, and former student of Miranda Keytes Studio. The program fee covers all supplies needed for this 6 week program.

DATES	October 8 – November 12
DAYS	Wednesdays
TIME	6pm – 7pm
LOCATION	West Des Moines Community Center
AGES	16+
FEE	\$65
PROGRAM #	14257



BALLROOM DANCING

Level I – Absolute Beginner and Beyond Beginner Ballroom

This ballroom class is for anyone who is an absolute beginner, never danced before, or may have 2 left feet and for anyone who has some knowledge of various ballroom dances. It will be a great class for those who need to review their Level I – Absolute Beginner Ballroom class and for those who would like to add additional figures beyond that class. This course teaches 4 dances during this class and the dances being taught are: Foxtrot, Swing (East Coast), Waltz, and Rumba. Jim and Suzi will teach 4-6 figures in each dance as we progress through the class. When you complete this course you should be comfortable going to wedding reception dances or social dances at various venues around the Greater Des Moines Area.

DATES	FEE	PROGRAM #	DAY	TIME
Sept 7 – Oct. 19	\$60 / person	14237	Sun.	12:30 – 1:30 pm
Nov. 2 – Dec. 14 (No class Nov. 30)	\$55 / person	14238		

Mixed Level I & II – Absolute Beginner and Beyond Beginner Ballroom

This ballroom class is for anyone who is an absolute beginner, never danced before, or may have 2 left feet and for anyone who has some knowledge of various ballroom dances. It will be a great class for those who need to review their Level I – Absolute Beginner Ballroom class and for those who would like to add additional figures beyond that class. This course teaches 4 dances during this class and the dances being taught are: Foxtrot, Swing (East Coast), Waltz, and Rumba. Jim and Suzi will teach 4-6 figures in each dance as we progress through the class. When you complete this course you should be comfortable going to wedding reception dances or social dances at various venues around the Greater Des Moines Area.

DAYS: Thursdays

TIME: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Dates:

- September 11 – October 23 – #14244
- October 30 – December 18 – #14245

FEE: 7 week class – \$60 per person

ALL FORMATION PRACTICES

October – December

\$50 per couple

Program # 14339



Level III – Intermediate Ballroom

This ballroom class is for anyone who has completed Level I and Level II classes or has equivalent experience in dancing and training. These classes are intended as a follow-on course for the Level I and Level II Ballroom students. If you have not had this previous class but you know 5-8 figures in Foxtrot, Swing, Waltz, and Rumba and a few figures in Tango and Cha Cha; you are welcome to join this class. If you know some of these dances well you may attend the associated classes.

This course teaches 1 dance for 2 or 3 weeks before moving on to another dance. Jim and Suzi will review all the figures taught in previous Level I and Level II Ballroom

classes. They will then add figures and technique with an additional 3-4 figures being added to each dance as we progress through the class. This is not a single course and as many as 6 months will be required to cover all the various dances being taught at this level. Any dance not included in the normal Level I and Level II Ballroom class curriculum will be taught at a beginning level as we introduce new dances to the students.

When you complete this course you should be very comfortable dancing at any social event anywhere and perhaps using your dancing for formation teams, showcases, or even (for the more daring) competing at some event.

DATES	FEE	PROGRAM #	DAY	TIME
Sept 7 – Oct. 19	\$60 / person	14239	Sun.	1:30 – 2:30 pm
Nov. 2 – Dec. 14 (No class Nov. 30)	\$55 / person	14240		

ADULT FITNESS

WATER AEROBICS

Get out and enjoy some fun in the water and get a workout at the same time. This 45 minute cardio workout with water resistance is perfect for people of all ages and abilities. Classes are held in shallow water so even non-swimmers can enjoy this unique workout.

DATES/PROGRAM #:

Session 1: September 4 – October 23 #14313
(No Class 9/23, 10/7, 10/14)

Session 2: October 28 – December 11 #14314

DAYS: Tuesday & Thursday

TIME: 7:15pm – 8pm

LOCATION: Valley High School Pool

FEE: \$45 per session



ZUMBA FITNESS

Starting to exercise, returning to it or want the newest dance fitness program in town? Are you ready to party yourself into shape? ZUMBA Fitness provides an invigorating, effective, easy to follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance for the active enthusiast.

No previous experience is necessary. You will be taught the steps and encouraged to groove at your own pace. Wear comfortable clothes, athletic shoes & bring a water bottle! Good time guaranteed! Please check with your physician prior to starting any fitness routine.

DATE: Ongoing

DAYS/TIMES:

- Monday 5pm – 6pm
- Tuesday 4:15pm – 5:05pm
- Wednesday 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Thursday 5:15pm – 6:15pm

LOCATION: WDM Community Center

AGES: 12+ **FEES:** Choose —

- Unlimited monthly classes for \$35
- Punch card with 8 classes for \$50



FOR CLASS DETAILS CALL:
EVA OTANEZ
515-419-9523
eva.cris@zumbafunfiesta.com
<http://eva123.zumba.com>



ADULT SPORTS

ADULT GOLF LESSONS

Whether you are an experienced golfer or just starting out, this class can help you. Group instruction will be provided along with individual attention as needed. Lessons are held at West Grand Golf. Participants will need to bring all clubs to first class. Min 15/ Max 20.

DATES AND TIMES:

September 8 – 11 • 6:30pm – 7:30pm

LOCATION: West Grand Golf,
6450 Raccoon River Drive
(1 mile west off of Interstate 35)

INSTRUCTOR: Brian Larson

FEE: \$51 per person

PROGRAM #: 14255

DROP IN PROGRAM

COED BADMINTON OPEN GYM

Drop in for pick-up badminton matches.

LOCATION: Valley Southwoods
9th Grade North Gym

DAYS/DATES/TIMES:

Sundays September 7 – May 24
2:30 – 5pm

FEE: \$2 WDM residents,
\$3 Non-WDM residents



ADULT COED KICKBALL LEAGUE

Applications for the upcoming Adult Kickball League are now available. Teams play a 6 game schedule. Teams will be split into Jr. High, Jr. Varsity and Varsity divisions on each night. Call 222-3444 for more information.

GAME TIMES	6:15pm, 7:15pm, 8:15pm and 9:15pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Softball Complex
AGES	Adults (18 & older and out of high school)
DEADLINE	Wed., August 20 at 4pm
FEES	
team fee	\$159
Non-WDM resident fee	\$3

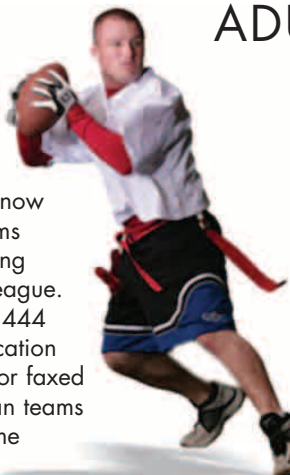
LEAGUE NAME	DAY	START DATE	PROGRAM #
Coed League	Mon.	Sept. 8	#14174
Coed League	Tues.	Sept. 2	#14175
Coed League	Wed.	Sept. 3	#14176
Coed League	Thurs.	Sept. 4	#14177

RECREATION HOTLINE

**FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM INFORMATION AND
UPDATES, WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS
CALL THE RECREATION HOTLINE!**

222.3500

ADULT SPORTS



Applications are now available for teams interested in joining a Flag Football league. Please call 222-3444 to have an application mailed, emailed or faxed to you. Seven man teams will play a 7 game schedule.

ADULT MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

START DATES	LEAGUE NAME	DAY	PROGRAM #
9/2	Men's A	Tue	14178
9/2	Men's B	Tue	14179
9/3	Men's B	Wed.	14180
9/3	Men's C	Wed.	14181

GAME TIMES	6:15pm, 7:15pm, 8:15pm, and 9:15pm *Some Monday or Thursday games may be scheduled for all leagues
LOCATION	Valley Stadium 4440 Mills Civic Pkwy.
AGES	Adults (18 & older and a high school graduate)
DEADLINE TO APPLY	Tuesday, August 12 at 4pm
FEES	
Team fee	\$508.80
Non-WDM resident fee	\$6

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUES

Applications will be available in September for teams interested in joining our exciting and very popular basketball leagues. Please call 222-3444 to have an application mailed, emailed or faxed to you. Teams will play a 10 game, round robin schedule.



All games will be staffed with high school certified officials and scorekeeper.

LEAGUE NAME	DAY	PROGRAM #
Men's A	Wed.	14182
Men's B1	Wed.	14183
Men's B2	Wed.	14184
Men's C1	Wed.	14185
Men's C2	Wed.	14186
Men's C3	Wed.	14187
Men's D1	Wed.	14188
Men's D2	Wed.	14189
Men's B1	Sun.	14190
Men's B2	Sun.	14191
Men's C	Sun.	14192
Men's D	Sun.	14193

START DATES	Wednesday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Nov. 30
LOCATIONS	Various WDM, Clive and Waukee Schools
AGES	Adults (18 & older and a high school graduate)
DEADLINE TO APPLY	Thursday, October 30 at 4pm
FEES	
Team fee	\$418.70
Non-WDM resident fee	\$6

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

Applications for our Fall volleyball leagues are now available. Call 222-3444 to have one mailed, emailed or faxed to you. Six player teams will play a 10 match schedule. All Leagues will be staffed with an official.

LEAGUE NAME	PROGRAM #
Coed Mon. A	#14194
Coed Mon. B	#14195
Coed Mon. C	#14196
Coed Tues. A	#14197
Coed Tues. B	#14198
Coed Tues. C	#14199
Men's Wed. (Open)	#14209
Women's Wed. A	#14200
Women's Wed. B1	#14201
Women's Wed. B2	#14202
Women's Wed. C	#14203
Coed Thurs. A1	#14204
Coed Thurs. A2	#14205
Coed Thurs. B	#14206
Coed Thurs. C1	#14207
Coed Thurs. C2	#14208

START DATES	Week of September 2
LOCATIONS	Various
AGES	Adults (18 & older and a high school graduate)
DEADLINE TO APPLY	Thursday, August 14 at 4pm
FEES	
Team fee	\$238.50
Non-WDM resident fee	\$6



Corporate Sponsor Honor Roll

We would like to say thank you to our sponsors and advertisers of the Adult Sports Programs and encourage you to support them

- **COCA COLA**
- **BARKER IMPLEMENT**
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THANK YOU!

ADULT ATHLETIC LEAGUE TEAM ACCEPTANCE POLICY

The Adult Athletic League Team Acceptance Policy applies to all adult athletic leagues. The order of priority is as follows:

- 1.) **Returning Teams.** Defined as having at least 51% of last season's roster.
 - a.) Teams who participated in the league the previous season.
 - b.) Teams who participated in the league the previous year.
 - c.) Teams may be placed in another division at Department's option to equalize competition.
- 2.) **New Teams.** Teams that did not participate in the league the previous season or year.
- 3.) **Late Teams.** Any team that does not meet the established deadlines will be accepted at the Department's discretion.

If more teams apply than we have space for, priority will be given to teams with the highest percentage of players on their roster residing within the city of West Des Moines School District in all cases except softball, where City boundaries applied.



NATURE LODGE RENTALS

Looking for a room with a view to hold that family function or business meeting? Then the Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge is just the place for you! The Lakeview Room provides a panoramic view of Blue Heron Lake in Raccoon River Park. This unique setting provides a quality experience for your guests to enjoy and offers a variety of spaces and services to make planning your event and easy as one...two...three!

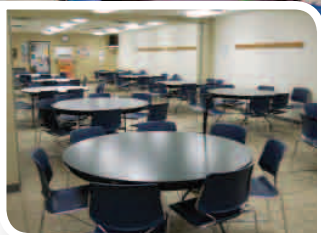
The Lakeview Room accommodates groups as small as 20 people up to sit down functions for 110 people. Our great rental rates make things affordable and works with your budget. We have preferred caterers if you choose to use them, or feel free to make your own arrangements with your caterer. Only beer and wine are allowed at the Lodge.

Give us a call today at 222-3424 to check availability today!



THE LAKEVIEW ROOM
PROVIDES A PANORAMIC
VIEW OF BLUE HERON





WDM COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

Located in the heart of Valley Junction, the West Des Moines Community Center offers a variety of meeting and social function spaces that can meet your needs. On the **first level** there are **several flexible rooms** that can accommodate groups from 20 to 100 people depending on your set up requirements.

The **Grand Ballroom** is located on the **second level** of the building which offers space for seated functions for groups as large as 200 people. The Ballroom has recently been updated with a new maple wood floor, ceiling and lighting updates, fresh coat of paint, and new windows. It is a great space for large family or business dinner affairs as well as wedding receptions.

Give us a call at 222-3440 to check rates and availability today!



Jordan Cemetery

A resting place for many of the founding families of West Des Moines, Jordan Cemetery is located at 2700 Fuller Road. Jordan Cemetery dates back to 1846 when James Jordan arrived in Polk County and homesteaded in the area. The cemetery is now operated by the Parks and Recreation Department, and continues to provide cemetery lots for sale. If you would like information please contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 222-3444.



4 WAYS TO REGISTER NOW!



Scan & Register with your mobile device.

• On-Line:

<https://reconline.wdm-ia.com>

• Mail-In:

P.O. Box 65320, WDM, IA 50265

• Call-In:

222-3444

• Fax-In:

222-3459

POLICIES

REFUND POLICY

Refunds will be gladly given for any reason as long as your request for a refund is submitted before the registration deadline date. Any time after that date, refunds will only be issued with a written medical excuse. *This policy does not apply to travel programs & adult sports leagues.*

CANCELLATION POLICY

We reserve the right to cancel a program or activity that does not meet the minimum number of participants necessary to offer the program.

REGISTRATION CHANGE FEE

A fee of \$5 will be charged for each Registration Change made after participants are enrolled in a program.

RECREATION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

Fee discounts are available for WDM residents meeting guidelines for assistance. Applications will be available at **WDM Human Services, 318 5th Street.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the responsibility of the individual with a disability requiring accommodations to inform the Parks and Recreation Department, at least 48 hours in advance. Please call **222-3444** to have accommodations provided.



First Name(s) (Parent or Guardian)

Last Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Alternate Phone Number

e-mail Address

Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (Circle one)

Card number

exp. date

\$5 / change fee for program changes made after your registration has been processed.

WDM Parks And Recreation Waiver And Release

In consideration of my own or my child's participation in the Parks and Recreation (hereinafter referred to as "P&R") program or activity through the City of West Des Moines, Iowa (hereinafter referred to as "City"), we hereby release the City, its officials, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses received by my child or by myself through the P&R program that have not been caused by negligence attributable to the City. I also agree and acknowledge that the City is not responsible for any intentional or reckless actions of the City's officials, employees, representatives, and agents since those actions are the sole conduct of the responsible individual(s). I further agree and acknowledge that this release of liability is full, complete, and comprehensive, and it covers all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses, known or unknown, and any and all costs related thereto arising out of or otherwise related to my child's participation or my own participation in programs or activities, and that this release is binding upon our heirs, successors, and assigns.

We certify that my child and or myself has received a proper physical examination within the past year and that we are physically able to participate in all P&R activities. We understand that it is our obligation to timely inform P&R of any restrictions or limitations regarding our physical abilities. We also understand that it is our obligation to follow all regulations and rules set forth by P&R in the performance of the activities. We hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officials, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all claims, settlements, and judgments, including all reasonable investigative fees, attorney's fees, and court costs for any injury, damage, or loss, which is due to or arises in whole or in part due to negligent, reckless, or intentional actions taken by my child or by myself.

Participant Name	Birthdate	Activity	Program #	Fee

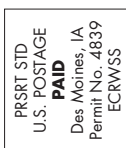
Please make checks payable to the City of West Des Moines

MAIL to: WDM Parks and Recreation • P.O. Box 65320 • West Des Moines, IA 50265

DROP OFF this form with your payment at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office
4200 Mills Civic Parkway • West Des Moines, IA 50265



Scan with your mobile
device to see our website



SENIOR CRAFT CRAZE!

Are you looking to make some creative fall decorations or Holiday gifts? If so, you may want to sign up for a senior craft craze class. During each class you will leave with a finished or nearly finished item great for decorating or gifts! Sign up with a friend, make a craft, go out to lunch and make a day out of it!

September 11 - Leaf Printing #14275

Preserve the beauty of fall with some paint, some leaves and some muslin. Each participant will take home a beautiful fall table runner!

October 9 - Burlap Pumpkins # 14276

Here is a fun little idea for decorating your fall. A little burlap, a needle and thread and a simple stitch here and there is all that is needed to create these cute little pumpkins. The possibilities are endless!



November 13 - Shimmering Autumn Leaves # 14277

These special leaves will have your neighbors talking! We will be making leaves from screen, spray

paint and puff paint. The outcome is beautiful and extremely easy! Turn your leaves into a garland, center piece or wall hanging.

TIME: 9:30am – 11am
(coffee and tea will be served!)
LOCATION: Raccoon River Park
Nature Lodge
FEE: \$7 per class